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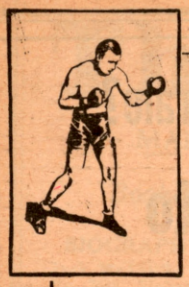

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Daniel M. Daniel will tell about one of the strangest fights on record—the battle on July 4, 1912, in which Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers knocked each other down simultaneously. It happened in the thirteenth round, and Wolgast was defending the lightweight championship of the world against the tough Mexican.

The records say Ad stopped Joe in thirteen rounds. But the conversation about this point, and other points in this contest at Vernon, Cal., has not ended after all these years. Who was stopped and who was fouled? Was Rivers knocked out? Why did Referee Jack Welch, who was Wolgast's choice, lift the champion off the canvas?

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IT'S PROF. CONN NOW!

Leading Contender for World Heavyweight Title Appointed to the Staff of the Army University Center to Develop GI Teachers of Boxing for Army of Occupation—Tommy O'Connell Also on Staff

By "THE RING" EDITOR

MEET Prof. Billy Conn.

Yes, that's what the GI's in Europe are now calling Corporal Billy, the leading contender for Joe Louis' heavyweight crown.

The Pittsburgh battler who almost dethroned the Brown Bomber in their meeting three years ago, has been appointed to the staff of the Army Athletic School, Army University Center, a school to orient athletic officers in all units of the United States Army on the administration of the post-war athletic program opened several weeks ago.

Conn, selected as the outstanding boxer among the service men, had hoped to obtain a furlough and get another crack at Joe Louis this summer, but according to the plans of the army, neither the king of the heavies nor Billy will get that chance. Joe will be used in traveling to various parts of the country and possibly to the Pacific in the same capacity he has been used thus far, while Conn will be one of the supervisors of the army's teaching staff in boxing in Europe.

The School's staff consists of internationally famous figures in the field of sports. Lt. Col. McCormick, Director of Athletics at the University of Minnesota; Major R. A. Opderbecks, Athletic Coach at Boston College; Captain J. N. Cox, former star boxer of the University of Maryland championship intercollegiate team; Dr. Carl Nordly, Athletics Department at the University of Minnesota and Ollie Cromwell, Athletic Coach, University of North Carolina.

Assisting these men in various branches of sports are Ossie Solem, University of Syracuse; Dr. J. Nichols, Oberlin College; A. D. Dickinson, Iowa State Teachers' College; J. Hulme, Penn State and R. A. Hutchins, Secretary, Southern Football Officials' Association.

Of all the sports arranged for the GI's in the European Theater, boxing will be the leading one. Captain Cox has been named the chief of staff for this sport and he has designated Billy Conn as one of his two assistants. Tommy O'Connell, well known Fort Wayne boxer, is the other. Their job is to give one week's special instruction to those who will handle the sport in their outfit, and to prepare the instructors for the big task of morale building through the medium of sports, especially boxing, during the many dreary months the boys will be in Germany in the Army of Occupation.

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WRITING from Germany, Billy says: "Tommy and I welcome this new job that will keep us busy in the kind of work for which each of us is suited. We are introducing a one week's course to the potential instructors, who have been assigned to the sports division, and in this instruction we are building up a mass boxing program with *(Continued on page 33)*

Tommy O'Connell of Ft. Wayne and Billy Conn (right), chief boxing instructors at Army Athletic University in France.

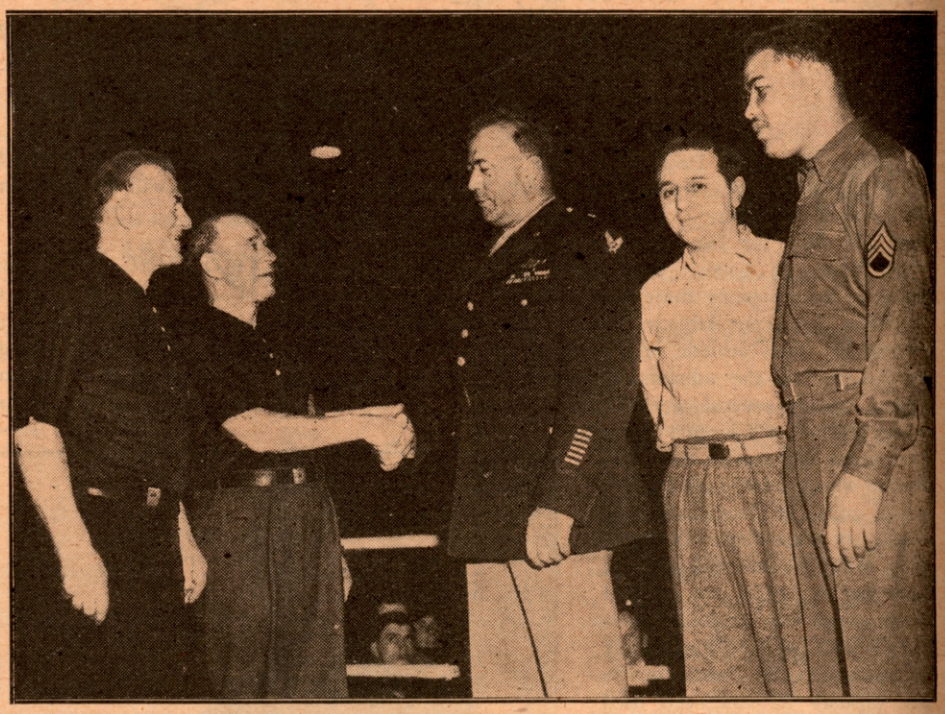
JOE LOUIS CROWNS 'EM

He Helps Sgt. Ruby Goldstein, Tommy Thomas and Phil Collins Referee Championship Bouts in Alaskan Area

TECHNICAL SERGEANT JOE LOUIS, heavyweight champion of the world, was on hand when the Alaskan Division of the Air Transport Command held its second annual Golden Gloves boxing tournament at the Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Arena, where over 6,000 GI and Edmonton fight fans sat in on the two nights of fisticuffs.

The two evenings of slugfest featured three celebrities of the boxing world besides Champion Joe Louis. On hand to act as officials were Tommy Thomas, Phil Collins and Sgt. Ruby Goldstein, the top-notch lightweight in his day and now a soldier at Fort Shank and a New York referee. Thomas, as the records will show, was the third man in the ring the night Louis won the heavyweight title from Jimmy Braddock.

The "King of the Heavyweights" was making a tour of all Alaskan Division bases, and the Alaskan Division Tourney was one of his stops. You can take it for granted, fans, that the champ went over here as he did on all of his "GI morale builder" tours.



Brig. Gen. Gaffney congratulating referees of Alaskan Division of U. S. Army boxing tournament. Left to right—Phil Collins, Tommy Thomas, Gen. Gaffney, Ruby Goldstein and Joe Louis.

The first night of the Tourney saw seven good elimination bouts, the last, a heavyweight contest between Bill Heumpfner of Wausaukee, Miss., and Sgt. Luther McClelland of Crowley, Louisiana, perhaps the best fight of the night. Both boys came out at the bell swinging and never stopped till the end of the third round. McClelland carried the battle to his opponent in the final stanza and was awarded the decision.

In a middleweight go of the evening, Pfc. Billy Peterson scored a two round TKO over Sgt. S. Blackwell of Old Lyme, Conn.

Peterson won the middleweight title in last year's tourney and prior to this, was Rocky Mountain and Montana Golden Glove champion in 1940-41 and Texas AAF champion in 1942. The 152 pound middleweight flash hails from Billings, Montana.

Cpl. Armand De Matteo, an amateur from Syracuse, N. Y., put his senior welterweight title on the line on the first night of the tourney and lost one of the closest decisions of the 14 fights staged throughout the tournament, losing to Cpl. Jerry Drees, a Milwaukee boy who entered the tournament with only High School experience.

Other results of elimination contests saw Cpl. Sammy Graziano, a welterweight from Buffalo, N. Y., score a decisive decision over Pvt. Ed Gable of Taylor, Penn.

In a light-heavyweight match, Cpl. Arlon Hasten of Mineola, Texas, scored a decision over Pfc. E. Brown of Birmingham, Alabama, while Pfc. John Sciscoe, who was voted the most courageous fighter of the tournament and a Golden Glove finalist in Wabash Valley, Indiana, scored a three round victory over Cpl. R. Rundle of Legrange, Ohio.

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THE second night of the tourney saw the finals run off in seven weight divisions, featherweight through to heavyweight. In the featherweight class, Pfc. Nelson Emerson of Gallup, New Mexico, scored the first of three T.K.O.'s when he stopped Nathan Bercowitz of New York, in the third round, thus winning the title.

Next came a lightweight match with Charlie McGowan of Houston, Texas, in defense of his title, and Manuel Caballero of El Paso, Texas. The Houston boy sent his opponent to the canvas in the second round for an eight count and never let up after that. Incidentally, McGowan was voted the best boxer of the tournament.

In the welterweight final, Sammy Graziano and Sgt. Bill Smith of Unadilla, Ga., fought a close bout with the verdict in favor of Smith.

Cpl. Jerry Drees and Jolie Hill of Hammond, Ind., hooked up in the senior welterweight final, the bout only lasting one round, Hill being unable to come out for the second as a result of absorbing too much punishment in the first.

In the fifth contest, with the middleweight title at stake, Billy Peterson started punching from the second round on, and just how Henry Kuchenbrod of Louisville, Ky., stood up, no one knows. The decision went to Peterson.

For the sixth and seventh bouts of the night, Louis came in to referee. Both of them failed to go the limit. The light-heavyweight final saw Cpl. Hasten start throwing punches at the bell, and Pfc. John Sciscoe on the receiving end and John failed to come out for the final round.

A left hook sent Pvt. Bob Sullinger down in the heavyweight final for an eight count in the first round. A right cross then followed and there was nothing left for referee Louis to do but count him out. Sgt. Luther McClelland thus won the heavyweight crown.

The champions of the Alaskan Division were then summoned to the ring. Through the ropes came one of the Division's foremost boxing fans, Brigadier General Dale V. Gaffney, Commanding General of the Alaskan Division, Air Transport Command, U.S.A.A.F., and he presented each with miniature Golden Gloves, while the runner-ups received medals. And so ended the Alaskan Division Golden Gloves for 1945. The GI's voted Joe Louis a swell fellow.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Jack Johnson Names Louis' Superiors

Picks Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Langford

Archie Moore Back in Fistic Spotlight

JACK JOHNSON, looking younger by ten years than he should appear at the age of sixty-seven, visited the offices of THE RING to thank me for choosing him as the No. 1 heavyweight of all time in general all-around ability. The champ greeted me with his golden smile: "I came to say hello while on my way to a theatrical agency that seeks my services for a few weeks, and to thank you for that article in *Look Magazine* in which you picked me as the leading heavyweight."

Jack, you'd be amazed at the letters I received taking issue with me for my choice, I remarked. Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis are the popular heroes with the boys of today and any attempt to place the oldtimers above these two seems to get under the skin of these lads, I told him. With that, began a discussion on heavyweights and fighters of today compared to those of the past that lasted for more than an hour.

The Galveston Giant is a splendid linguist, a fine talker whose arguments carry a stamp of authority. Taking up the ten fighters listed by Jack Dempsey in his recent choice of men who gave him his toughest battles and the answer of Jack Sharkey that followed the publication of Dempsey's list, Johnson analyzed the field and drew these conclusions:

1—That James J. Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons and Sam Langford would have knocked out Joe Louis at his best. He named Sam, in particular, declaring that though Langford was not a clever boxer, he was a most powerful hitter and that he could have gotten to Joe's jaw with telling effect because Louis has repeatedly proved that he can be hit by ordinary fighters.

2—That Jeffries, Fitz and Langford would have licked Dempsey in his prime, but not as readily as they could have beaten Louis.

3—He was confident that when in his prime, he could have taken everything Joe or Jack could have dished out, and would have emerged the victor on points because he could have outmaneuvered either Dempsey or Louis.

4—That Jack Sharkey would not have lasted many rounds with any of the fifteen leading heavyweights of Johnson's time. Sharkey would have been knocked cold by men like Ketchel, Burns, Jeannette, McVey, Langford, and Hank Griffin and would have been a cinch on points against such stars as George Gardner, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Jim Corbett, Gene Tunney, Tommy Ryan, Jack Root or Marvin Hart.

5—Primo Carnera was the poorest excuse for a heavyweight king the ring ever had.

6—That in order of ability, the best fighters Johnson met were James J. Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, Sam Langford, Stanley Ketchel, Tommy Burns, George Gardner, Hank Griffin, Jack O'Brien, Joe Jeannette and Joe Choynski.

7—That his toughest battle was one not listed in any record book, a 65-round contest with Hank Griffin in 1899 at Bakersfield, California, with Watson Burns as the referee. This bout ended in a knockout with Johnson the winner. According to Jack, Hank collapsed in the sixty-fifth round from the heat and exhaustion as much as from the terrific body punishment he had received. It was the longest battle Johnson ever fought.

Winding up our little interview, Johnson informed me that he has been traveling about the country, looking over young talent. "I'm eager to get one or two good lads in any division, and teach them what I can. I'm hunting for a heavyweight and I saw two but they are in the army now and already hooked up with some manager. I saw two fine lightweights who are still in uniform but they, too, already have a manager. I hope to get at least two good boys from the service because the servicemen of today, will be the champs of tomorrow, in my opinion. Louis, Conn, Lesnevich, Zale, Abrams, and many others now in uniform, will be stale when they get out of uniform. They never again will be as good as they were before joining Uncle Sam's forces. This will be particularly true of Louis and Conn. Four years of idleness in actual ring warfare, hasn't done either any good."

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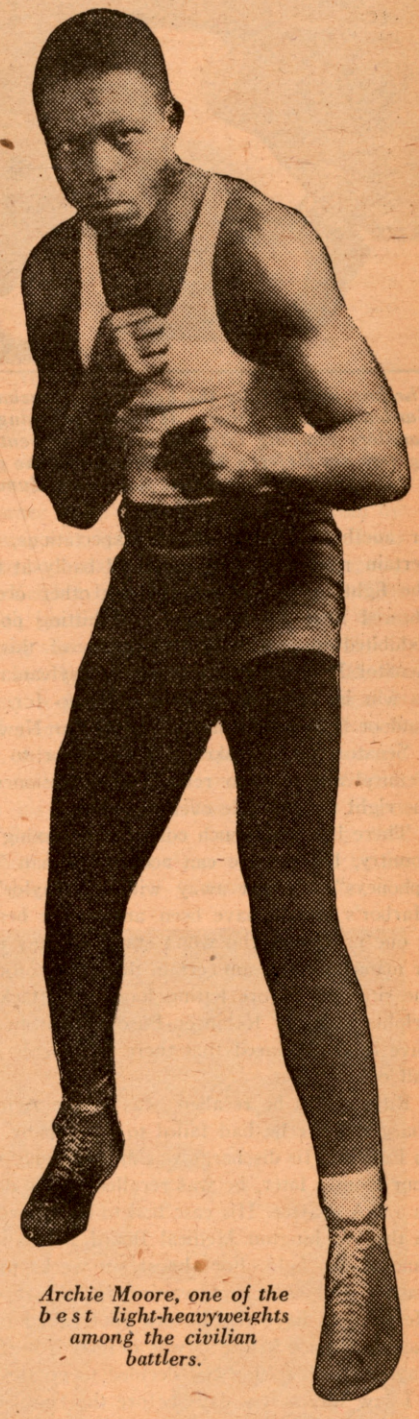
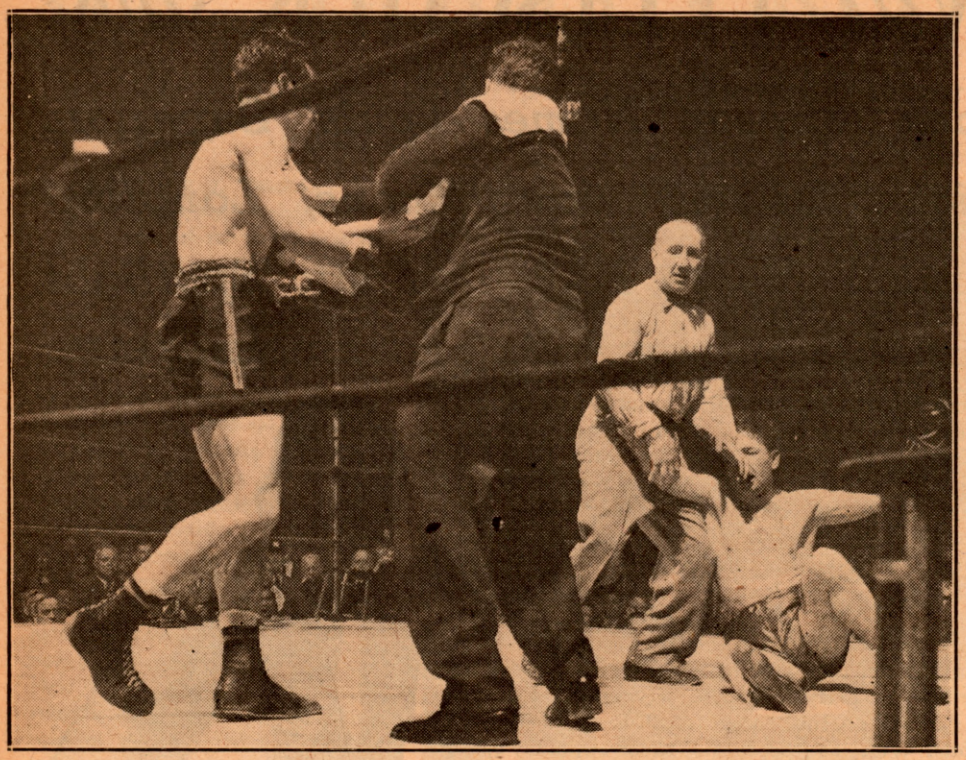
EVERY now and then there comes an upset in boxing that causes widespread discussion. Such was the one in which Jose Basora drew with Sugar Ray Robinson in Philadelphia, a bout that resulted in three verdicts by as many officials. Referee Charley Daggert voted 4-4-2 for a draw; Judge Harry Lasky favored Basora, 5-4-1 and Judge Frank Knaresborough thought Ray the winner, 6-4. Thus Sugar Ray's record was shattered, as it was his first draw bout out of fifty-six contests. Previously he had won all but one bout, that with Jake LaMotta.



Archie Moore, one of the best light-heavyweights among the civilian battlers.

Only Ray's garrison finish, a tenth round rally that carried the battle to the Señor from Puerto Rico, enabled him to stave off a sure defeat. The battle, deferred three times for one reason



The knockdown after the bell in the Graziano-Davis fight, one of the most thrilling seen in the Garden in many moons. It came following the end of the third round. Here we see Davis' handlers jumping into the ring to prevent Rocky from landing another punch. Neither the fighters nor Referee Young Otto heard the gong. The fight ended in the next round, when Otto halted it to save Bummy from further punishment.

or another, failed to reach expectations, but fairly sizzled in certain rounds. Robinson missed badly at times, failed to carry the fighting to his opponent on other occasions and generally showed little of the speed and hitting power he has so often exhibited in past affairs. Because of this, he was accused by Senator H. Jerome Jaspan of Pennsylvania of "not having tried to win in order to stage a build-up for a second contest, an outdoor fight either in Philadelphia or New York."

Senator Jaspan asked the Governor to investigate boxing in Pennsylvania and to remove Commissioner Leon Rains as not the right man to rule over the sport.

There has been much collusion in boxing in many parts of the country, but no one can accuse Herman Taylor of putting on "phoneys" and get away with it. Taylor's shows since Pearl Harbor's attack, have been among the best in the country. He is one promoter who won't stand for any nonsense from fighter or manager and I am certain that if Senator Jaspan had analyzed the situation before letting loose his attack on boxing in Philadelphia and the Robinson-Basora bout in particular, he would have been convinced that there was ample reason for Robinson's fall off in form.

Ray, it will be recalled, was in the Army and then was discharged after he had failed to accompany the Joe Louis troupe to Europe. His discharge was an honorable medical discharge, yet four months later, he was recalled by his draft board and passed as a 1-A draftee. His case had to be referred for final disposition to the Washington Medical Board where it was pending at the time of the fight. For almost six weeks prior to the bout with Basora, Robinson kept waiting for the report. He was worried. He tried to have the Basora bout called off but in view of the fact that twice before it was deferred, he felt he owed Herman Taylor an obligation and decided to go through with it.

I saw Ray a few days before the bout and he did not look in the pink. Obviously he was worried. He was anxious to have his draft status decided so that he would know how he stood. That worry was the cause of his failure to put up his best against Basora yet in justice to Ray, it must be admitted that though he lacked his usual fervor, he gave sufficient to make a good fight of it. Any bout that can draw $56,027.90 paid by 14,653 persons, the majority of whom left the arena well pleased with what they had seen, is worth repeating and Basora and Robinson are certain to do it over again in an outdoor fight during the summer, Senator Jaspan, notwithstanding.

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THE most rapid rise made by any fighter in recent months is that of Archie Moore, the veteran St. Louis light-heavyweight, who back in 1939 campaigned for eight months in Australia. Archie, after his knockout at the hands of Eddie Booker in 8 rounds a year ago last January, and a defeat in 10 rounds at the hands of Charley Burley in April of that year, was taken in tow by the master manager Jimmy Johnston of New York and since then has come along at a whirlwind pace. Each of his battles has been an improvement over the previous one. His last performance was against the hitherto invincible Lloyd Marshall in Baltimore on the night of May 21 when Archie, though floored twice, gained the verdict.

Since joining the Johnston stable, Moore has won nine bouts, five via the knockout route. He won decisions over Kenny LaSalle and Nate Bolden, twice, and stopped Battling Monroe, Joey Jones, Bob Jacobs, Nap Mitchell and Teddy Randolph prior to facing Marshall who for many months has been THE RING's Number One light-heavyweight.

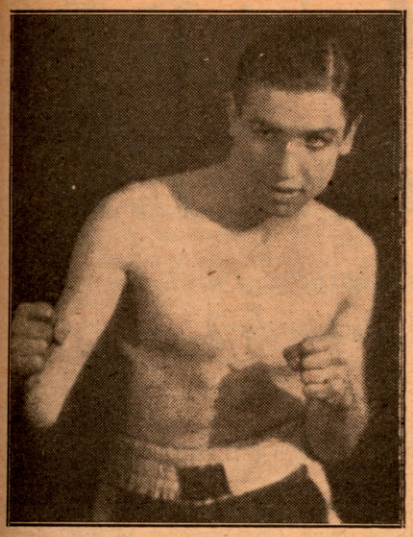
Of the Marshall contest, Paul Menton, writing for the *Evening Sun,* said:

"If Archie Moore and Lloyd Marshall furnished us an example of what we can expect when the war ends and the boxers in the service return to the ring, then present arenas will be far too small to hold the crowds. Moore's victory over the man whom THE RING for a long time has considered the best light-heavyweight in civilian life, had all the drama, excitement and hard fighting one could find in any sports event. Archie came back from the verge of a knockout to outbox and then to outpunch Marshall until the latter was all but exhausted at the finish when the arm of Moore was raised to victory by a unanimous decision. It was a fight that bristled with action, one in which two good men saw the hopes of victory swing from one extreme to the other."

Thus Moore, who contemplated retiring for good after his two losses in 1944, but was persuaded by Johnston, the mastermind, to start anew, has made good with a vengeance. Those who have seen Archie fight in his recent bouts, have viewed one of the most scientific boxers and best all-around fighters in the game. His workmanship is of the best, the kind that pleases and makes the fighter a favorite with the fans. That's exactly what Moore is today—one of the hottest attractions in the heavier divisions because the fans know that he can be depended upon to give them their money's worth.

An outdoor battle between Moore and Bivins, the best of the heavyweight contenders out of service, would be an ace card. So would a return engagement between Moore and Marshall. When Moore boxes, he is supreme. In his bout with Marshall he tried for a time to fight it out with Lloyd and Marshall took command at the start. It appeared that Lloyd would score a kayo to add to his many triumphs as he dropped Archie for an eight count early in the second round and again in the third.

It was then that the shrewd, wise Jimmy Johnston got busy. "Do you want your brains knocked out? If you want to win



Terry Allen, British flyweight, member of the Royal Navy, undefeated this year. He is one of the world's best at his weight.

this fight, then box."

Moore took the master's advice. He turned to boxing, held Marshall at bay and by degrees caught up with Lloyd, then took over the offensive and came through the victor. Both knew they were in a battle.

Moore, the man who started his pro ring career in 1936, is going almost as strong now as he was when he gained the praise of the Australian writers in 1939 by his sensational triumphs over Jack McNamee, Ron Richards, twice, Atilio Sabatino, Joe Delaney, Frank Lindsay, and Fred Henneberry.

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PENNSYLVANIA has fallen in line with New York and other states in the matter of decisions. Hereafter a majority vote will decide and not the ballot cast by the referee when the judges are deadlocked. Heretofore, when the judges have disagreed, which has happened probably more frequently in Pennsylvania than in most other states, their votes were automatically tossed out and the referee's decision decided.

Where there are two judges and a referee, the best procedure is to follow the New York rule of majority vote to count.

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NEW YORK fight fans were treated to one of the fastest two-fisted fighting affairs seen in many moons when Rocky Graziano, the latest of the civilian battlers to come to the fore, and Al Bummy Davis clashed at the reopening of the Garden following the closing of the circus. Rocky, who previously had established himself as a big time shot by scoring a sensational knockout over Billy Arnold, duplicated that feat by stopping Davis in 44 seconds of the fourth round. It was a contest crammed with action and the end came only after Bummy had hit the deck four times, twice in the third, once after the bell had ended that session and again in the final seconds of fighting.

In the third, Davis, after losing the first two rounds, came back with a rally and had the better of the milling until a beauty, a right to the chin, dropped him. He jumped up at the count of one, but was clipped a second time and down he went again but got to his feet as the bell sounded. But like a flash, Graziano, who had not heard the gong, leaped at his foe and slashed away, while Referee Young Otto looked on, apparently as ignorant of the round's end as were the fighters.

Rocky reached Al with another right sending Bummy sprawling to the canvas while Davis's chief second and manager, Lew Burston, tried desperately to prevent Graziano from tossing the punch.

Although the defeat of Bummy came in the fourth after he again had been dropped, the fight really ended for him with that extra knockdown following the end of the third canto.

Rocky took the best of Al's potent left hooks without a quiver and gave Al far more than Rocky received.

The 16,556 persons who paid $75,861 to see the bout, were in a frenzy. They got their money's worth and then some in the short period of fighting. Incidentally Mike Jacobs boosted his aggregate for 14 Garden shows staged since the fall opening to $912,069.

Lou Nova may be sold to New York fans who are willing to pay high fees for the purpose of spending an evening in Madison Square Garden, but Boston fans are more particular. They come out in large numbers only when they think the fight is worth attending. They have proved this twice at bouts in which Lou Nova has been a principal.

When Lou fought Charley Eagle at Mechanics Building a few weeks ago, 1956 fans saw the bout and the paid attendance then was about $3200. The fans didn't think much of his showing against Charley and showed their disapproval by remaining away in larger numbers when he fought Johnny Denson of Indianapolis. Then only 1593 persons paid to see the affair and the gross was $1593 and the net $1813, one of the smallest gates for a heavyweight bout since the war got under way. Nova got off the floor to knock out Denson in the sixth round but if he heeds the warning of the Bostonians, he'll quit and give the youngsters a chance to parade before the public. He's through as a fighter and as a drawing card.

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YOUTH and stamina are no match for "old age" when Tiger Jack Fox is concerned. The Spokane heavyweight, like Tennyson's book, seems to go on forever. His knockout in the ninth round of Al Ware recently, in Fox's second comeback after retirement, is an indication of the calibre of the top talent of today. The Tiger has lost his cunning and his wallop, but still finds himself the master of all who have been chosen to oppose him. His blows lack the steam of old but his slashing attack continues.

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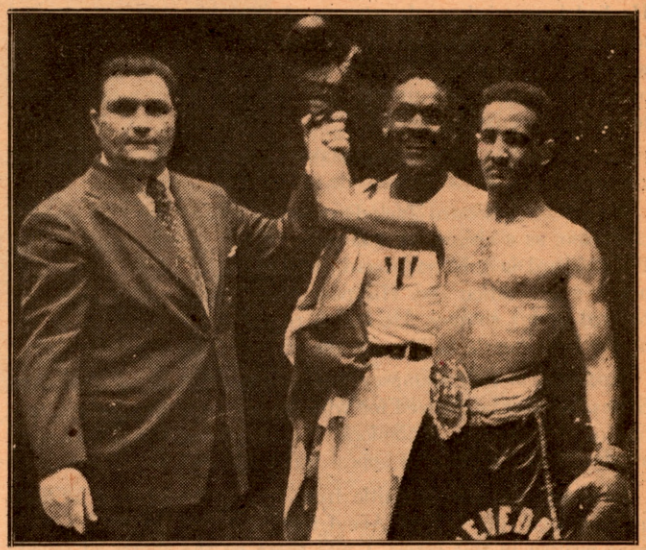
Add to ring oddities—At Hartford, Connecticut, on May 22, Tommy Kiene of New London was being counted out on the canvas when the bell ended his six-round bout with Joe Rossi, New York middleweight, and though Kiene was flat on his back and couldn't possibly have gotten to his feet before the ten count, he was carried to his corner and received the decision from the referee who figured Tommy was far in the lead prior to delivery of the "kayo" wallop. The bout was a reminder in some respects, of the famous O'Brien-Ketchel bout many years ago, in New York when O'Brien, with head in the sawdust box, was being counted out when the gong sounded saving the day for him.

Philadelphia Jack was put down three times in that round, the tenth and final. He was a badly beaten ringman though in previous sessions he had given Ketchel all Stanley cared for.

In the ninth, Ketchel, who was being outpointed, was urged to go in for a kill. He rushed from his corner and went after Jack, urged on by both his manager, Willus Britt and Jimmy Johnston. He chased O'Brien all over the ring and finally connected with a terrific body blow, wrist deep and a right to the jaw and Philadelphia Jack collapsed. *(Continued on page 31)*



The hand of Miguel Acevedo is raised by Cuco Conde, the announcer, following Acevedo's victory over Barguerto, Santo Domingo champion, in a battle for the Central American featherweight crown in a bout of twelve rounds.

DEMPSEY *vs.* "CARP" *HAD STRANGE FACETS*

Frenchman Went into Ring Favorite With American Fans— Alleged "Battle of Century" Carnival of Balderdash

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

ON July 2, 1921, at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City, N. J., Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, defended his title valiantly by knocking out Georges Carpentier of France with a well-directed and highly powered right-hand punch to the jaw in the fourth round.

There were in this contest strange elements found in no other defense of the heavyweight championship by an American holder. In 1921, we were in the immediate aftermath of the first World War. France was our ally, our friend, and in 1921, Frenchmen and France were embellished in the United States with the dramatic lustre of co-conquerors.

As a consequence, Carpentier came to this country a hero. A war hero, representative of a heroic nation which, though bled white in the fierce struggle with the Germans, had said, with determination, "They shall not pass."

Actually, Carpentier was not quite the glorious war hero we made him out to be in 1921. He had been in the French air corps, and he had done his duty like so many other millions of Frenchmen in the four years' fight.

But when Carpentier arrived in New York, he got the reception of a Major Bong. "Vive la France! Vive Carpentier!" We went nuts over the man who was to climb into the ring with Dempsey and take a shellacking in less than a dozen minutes of fighting.

Most of our fight fans were for the man from overseas. Gorgeous Georges, the Orchid Man!

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ON the other side of the picture was an American champion for the first time without the solid backing of the American people. Strange, queer, unprecedented—yes, perhaps unjustified.

Dempsey had come out of the war with a tarnished reputation. He had been tried on the charge of slackerism. Jack had tried to enlist, but his manager had insisted, "Don't be a sucker. This war will be over shortly. You go to a shipyard until it blows over. It took us a long time to land this title, and we can't afford to make any mistakes with it."

Can't afford to make any mistakes! No heavyweight champion ever made a bigger error outside of the ring.

Time has vindicated Jack Dempsey. His conduct as a former champion, as a citizen, as a member of our armed forces, in the Coast Guard in this war, has burnished away all the tarnish of nearly a generation ago. His patriotism is of the highest. He is beloved by his charges. He is a hero among his men. He is one of the best morale builders in the service today.

However, in 1921 Dempsey was no popular hero in the United States. He was recognized for what he was as a ring technician—one of the greatest champions, perhaps the greatest hitter, of all time. But his personal appeal was beclouded.

Dempsey had won the title from big, awkward Jess Willard at Toledo on July 4, 1919. About that memorable battle I already have written in this series. I was there on the shores of muddy Maumee Bay that never-to-be-forgotten torrid afternoon. I saw Willard throw in the towel as he sat in his corner, battered, beaten, bruised, a champion once but a champion no longer. An old man whipped terribly by a younger, more powerful, more ardent hitter.

On September 6, 1920, Dempsey stopped Billy Miske at Benton Harbor, Mich., in the third round. On December 14, 1920, Jack knocked out tough Bill Brennan in the 12th in the old Garden in New York, hitting him so hard with a drive to the jaw that Brennan suffered an ankle fracture.

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ALL this time the ballyhoo for a Dempsey-Carpentier match had been growing in volume and insistence. There was a brass blare to it, as out of a giant French horn.

Carpentier in 1921 was 27 years of age. Dempsey was 26. The Frenchman was by far the more experienced. He had started out as a little acrobat in a travelling circus with François Descamps, and in 1907 had broken into the fight game as a bantamweight. Slowly, step by step, class by class, Carpentier mounted the pugilistic ladder, and in 1911, by knocking out Eustache in 16 rounds, Georges became the welterweight champion of France.

Over to London went Carpentier that same year and he achieved the welter championship of Europe with a ten-round knockout of a mediocre fighter named Young Joseph.

In 1912, Carpentier tried his hand against tough American competition and did better than had been expected. He outpointed Willie Lewis in 20 heats, lost to Frank Klaus on a foul in 19, and was whipped by Billy Papke in 17. Decidedly, this French boxer was a ring scientist to watch.

In 1913, Carpentier scored a one-round knockout over Bombardier Wells. In 1914, Georges tried bigger game and lost to Joe Jeannette in 15.

Then came the war, and the Orchid Man went into service. After return to civilian life on December 4, 1919, Carp knocked out Joe Beckett, the British champion *à la fromage,* in one round.

In 1920, Carpentier came to the United States to fight Battling Levinsky for the light-heavyweight championship. The Frenchman scored a knockout in four heats.

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THOSE with suspicious minds were not convinced that Carpentier had anything on the great counter-fighting Levinsky.

There still are whisperings about that fight. In the minds of many qualified veterans, it is set down as a mere buildup for the match with Dempsey and is not rated with our more serious encounters of *l'histoire de la boxe.* In fact, it might be a good idea to expunge that fight from the records.

The writer, not too suspicious, is quite willing to accept the Carpentier victory over Levinsky for what it was.

After his triumph of sorts over Levinsky, Carpentier was rushed back to *la belle* France, to await the boiling up of the ballyhoo stew.

There were better fighters of the heavyweight class than Carpentier right here in the good old U.S.A. at that time. But a Dempsey-Carpentier fight was enveloped in the unusual. Just as we are so eager to demonstrate our Good Neighbor policy

toward South and Central Americans today, so were we eager to extend the glad hand to France in 1921.

The "Battle of the Century," it was labelled by the adroit boxing writers, by the nimble wits of the Tex Rickard press department. For Rickard, of course, was the promoter behind it all.

Tex had sponsored the contest in which Dempsey took the title from Willard, and he was destined to go right on making a fortune for Jack and for Rickard, out of the terrific right-hand punch of the Manassa Mauler.

Dempsey, the greatest hitter. Carpentier, the man of one-round knockouts, the hero of France.

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CUBA wants this fight, Rickard warned. Paris demands it, London cries for it, Buenos Aires insists on it.

"I am going to save this terrific engagement for America," Rickard announced, as he signed Dempsey and Carpentier, and started to build a gigantic arena of pine boards on a smelly swamp called Boyle's Thirty Acres, on the fringe of Jersey City.

"An arena seating 100,000, no less, is wanted for this fight," said Rickard.

As it turned out, the pine coliseum seated 91,000. For the record, let it be stressed right here that the fight drew $1,789,238, and that in the financial records of the ring, it yields precedence to only the two Dempsey-Tunney engagements. The second of these, in Chicago, drew $2,658,660, with 104,943 onlookers, and the first, in Philadelphia, grossed $1,895,733, with 120,757 spectators.

In passing, it is interesting to note that boxing history shows seven heavyweight fights in which the receipts went over the million dollar mark—and that Jack figured in five of these.

There were a few elements about the Dempsey-Carpentier fight which verged on the hoax. The most important of these had to do with the Frenchman's weight.

Jack tipped the beam at 188 pounds. Carpentier's weight was given out as 172. Most emphatically, Georges did not scale anywhere near 170. Very likely he weighed around 163.

The difference in weights never got a play. In order that it might not receive publicity, which would have been terribly damaging even with the "Battle of the Century" blowup, Carpentier was kept hidden away at Manhassett, Long Island, during his training.

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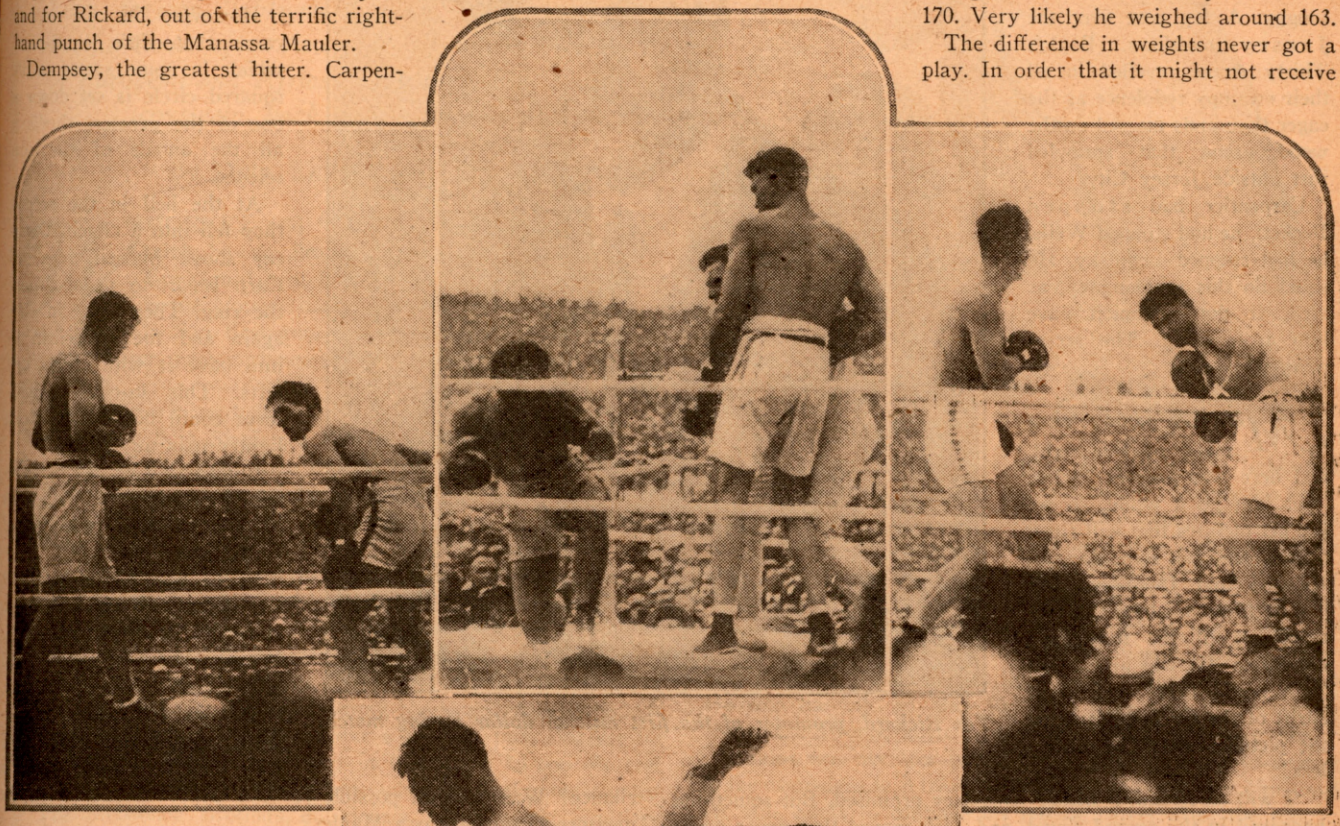
THE Frenchman's interests in this fight were looked after by the crafty Jack Curley. He realized that if the boxing writers saw Georges in all his comparatively puny physique, they would ask how a challenger scaling around 165 could hope to beat the best hitter in the world with a handicap of more than 20 pounds.

So Jack built a fence around the Carpentier camp, and gave out a lot of balderdash about the Frenchman's working on a "secret weapon."

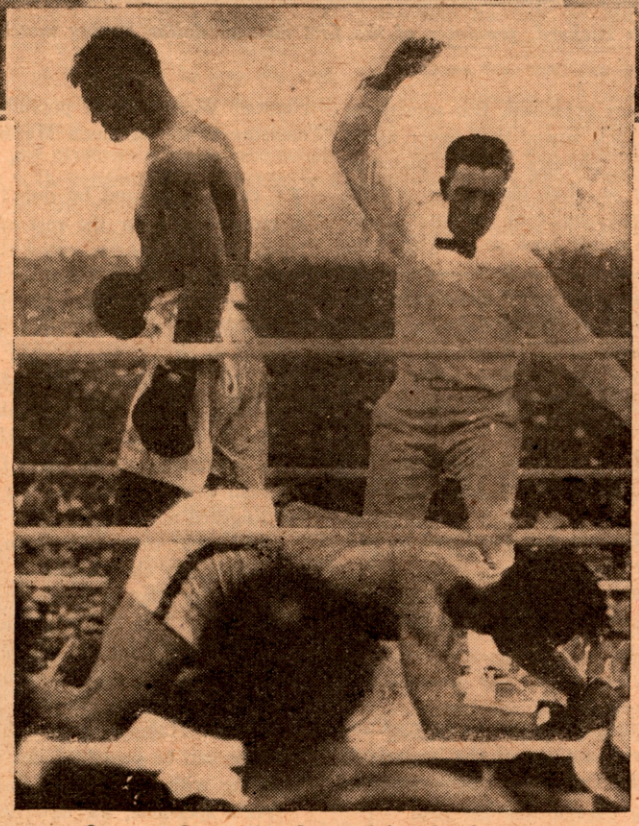
"Carpentier believes he knows how to beat Dempsey, and he is working out a scheme which calls for secrecy," said Curley. "It would not do to rely on the confidence of so many fight writers, especially as most of them are friendly with Dempsey."

All this, of course, on account of the disparity in weight, and the actual fact that it was not a match.



A scene in the fourth round just before Dempsey crashed a blow to Carpentier's chin to drop him.

Carpentier assumes the offensive in the second round in which he staggered the Manassa Mauler.



On top—Carpentier dropped for the first time. Below—The end of the Orchid Kid. Gorgeous Georges is counted out by Referee Harry Ertle.

How well this worked out was demonstrated by the terrific demand for tickets at the Rickard scale of prices.

Dempsey was a 3 to 1 favorite. The day of the fight—Saturday, with action at 2.30 in the afternoon—was hot and muggy. A fog rose over the Jersey meadows. Boyle's Thirty Acres revelled in all their swampy redolence as the eager thousands massed on the wood arena that sprawled just outside Jersey City.

Carpentier had stopped Beckett, he had stopped Wells, he had stopped Levinsky. He could do this to Dempsey, as well, if the champion gave him an opening. The secret weapon!

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MOTION pictures were made of this fight, and here was another factor. "Let him go a while, so we can get pictures that will show a fight, and pull some dough," Rickard told Dempsey. Tex had no illusions about the formidability of the foreigner's opposition. He was afraid that Jack would make such short shrift of the Orchid Man that the pictures would be worthless.

Tex Rickard, promoter of the first million dollar boxing match.

"I will carry him a while," Dempsey promised. But something happened in the second round, and Jack vowed that never again would he make a similar promise, pictures or no pictures. Gorgeous Georges rocked Dempsey in that memorable second round. He uncorked the greatest right-hander of his career, and it staggered Jack. He followed with a left hook to the chin, and Dempsey sagged.

But Carpentier failed to follow up this brief advantage. He got back on his bicycle and began to pedal around the ring again.

In the third, the Frenchman struck two interesting blows, both uppercuts. The two in the second and the two in the third, constituted the Carpentier attack that hot July afternoon on the Jersey flats.

The contest was staged under all the auspices of drama that could be conjured up for one of those Million Dollar affairs of the effulgent Tex.

All of his "nice people" were at the ringside. He loved to talk about "those nice people." They were his fetich.

The nice people, and those not so nice. The real thing, and the phonies of the Prohibition Era of soft dough. All gathered in that muggy arena in Jersey.

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IN some histories of the heavyweight title, the Dempsey-Carpentier encounter is written up with a tinge of the hysterical. The Orchid Man, the broken lily, the Praxiteles statue come to life fighting the ugly brute.

If there was a statue come to life in that arena, it was Dempsey. Tough, young, hard, a hitting fool, he was the apotheosis of the grand things of the ring, the last word in punching power. To be sure, he took liberties. As, for example, leading with that sweeping right hand of his.

"If Jack doesn't stop that, Georges will cut in and kill him," the experts predicted.

Jack didn't stop it, and Jack was not killed. Carpentier knew he was up against a far better fighter, and the far better man won.

Harry Ertle was the third man in the ring that July day. He had an easy job.

The first round was routine. Carpentier was cautious, Dempsey was trying to make the pictures. Easy for Jack, was that one.

However, in the second came that little excitement, which in some sagas of the squared circle is set down as one of the greatest thrills in all the annals of the sour science.

At the bell in the second, they fell into a clinch. Dempsey shook himself free and Carp began to pedal around the ring. They came in close again and the American let him have it with rights and lefts. This in-close punishment could not do the much lighter man any good.

Suddenly, Georges came to life, vibrantly. He staggered his man with a right-hander to the jaw.

There was no doubt about the damage. Dempsey's face showed it. He was chagrined. When the foreigner followed with a left hook to the chin, there was tremendous excitement. Could this really be? Did the Frenchman have a chance? Was it at all possible for the Orchid Man to take the measure of the Manassa Mauler?

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IT couldn't be and he didn't have a chance. Dempsey became aroused and for the rest of the round he was the aggressor. However, the experts voted the Orchid Man the heat.

Early in the third, Carp hit Dempsey with two right uppercuts, and they hurt. But those punches were Georges' swan song.

Carpentier closed the third very tired. In the fourth, Dempsey went to work on the Orchid Man with characteristic Dempsey vigor. Pretty soon a hard right to the jaw sent Carp down, and lying on his right side, he took a nine-count.

The Frenchman got up. He ran. He covered, and ran. He knew what was on the way. Dempsey kept chasing.

Crash went a right over the heart, and Carpentier was finished. He lingered a while, but that wallop did it.

Crash went that right again, to the jaw. Down went the game but outclassed challenger.

Carpentier tried to get up at the count of eight, but he collapsed. It was over. The Orchid Man had wilted—and how.

There were a lot of trained seals at the ringside. They wrote probably more gush, plain balderdash, than had been written about a fight before, or since.

Norman Hapgood told readers of the New York *American*: "France can be proud of her son." He could not imagine a man "meeting with more credit Carpentier's impossible task."

"As a spectacle, the fight was superb, not brutal, and excelled those of ancient Rome," Hapgood went on to tell, doubtless with memories of the battles between Knockout Cestus and One-Round Remus in the Coliseum on the banks of the Tiber in the merry days of Nero.

H. L. Mencken told readers of *The World* that Carpentier's blows were not hard enough and that Dempsey's punches were too hard. This was an elemental analysis.

James J. Corbett wrote that Jack was too big for a brave fighter. Ring Lardner wrote, "Greek

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JENKINS *is* SET *for* JAPS

Lew, former lightweight king, transferred to Pacific Coast after two years of action in thick of European and African Fighting—Ray Lunny, coxswain, back in San Francisco

By DICK LANE BERNSTEIN

WHOEVER said "Variety is the spice of life" certainly has a colleague in congenial B.M. 2/c George Greenwood, matchmaker for the boxing show held in the United States Coast Guard Barracks' "Backyard Bowl" in San Francisco. Greenwood, a former top-flight amateur boxer, presented one of the most unique fistic festivals on record.

The program started with the appearance of World's Champion Bag Puncher Sam Slavich, a San Francisco fireman, who made his array of punching bags do everything but talk. Instead of talking, Sam's bags played tunes on a bell board rigged up in red, white and blue.

Then came three acrobats, the DeWanes, who did some tumbling and acrobatics on the sensational side. The DeWanes appeared in the successful Coast Guard musical, "Tars and Spars" which starred Chief Bos'n Mate Victor Mature.

After that came four boxing matches and two extra-curricular wrestling matches. Main event of the boxing program was a four round battle between popular Sammy Nagel and Albany middleweight, Walter Markowocki. After a nip and tuck slugfest for three rounds, Nagel pulled away in the fourth to cop the nod, having his foe on the verge of a kayo when the final gong sounded.

The Mendonca Brothers, hilariously funny comic wrestlers, did a satirical travesty on grunt and groaners that had the people in the stands holding their sides with laughter. Sam Kaekini and Al Rodriquez were the next to don the gloves. Both of the boys were from the L. A. Young A.C. and fought a draw.

Johnny Gonzalves of Los Angeles Young A.C. boxed a three round exhibition with aggressive Bobby Tiner of the Maritime Officers School. Gonzalves won the senior A.A.U. lightweight title a short while ago, while Tiner was runner-up in the novice lightweight division in the same tourney. The fourth bout was provided by Frankie Carter. It was a bout between Bob Pease and Jim King.

Topping off this lively bill was a wrestling match between Pat Fraley, the Boston Cop, and Kay "Handsome" Bell, two of the country's big time matmen. Refereeing this match was Frankie Carter.

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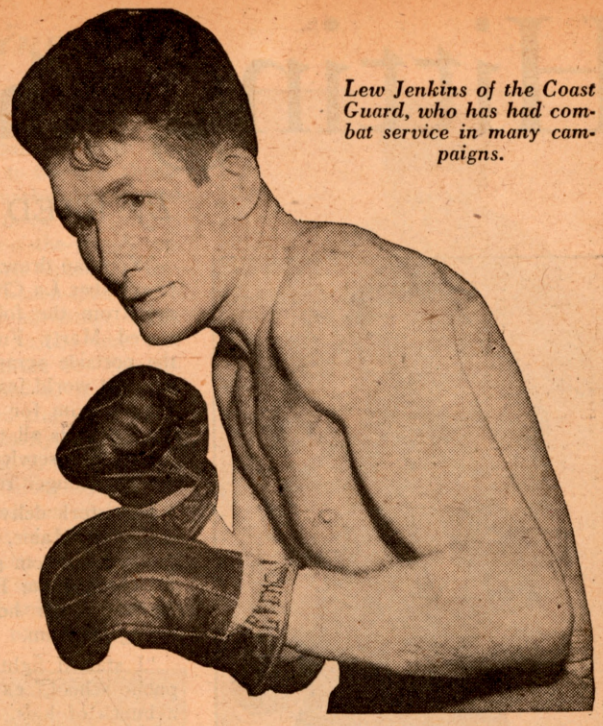
BACK from overseas is dapper, good looking Coast Guardsman Ray Lunny. Lunny, a coxswain, shipped into the Coast Guard Receiving station here after thirteen months of sea duty. A hard hitting lightweight, Ray was going great guns in pre-war boxing. Among his victims were Lew Feldman, Georgie Latka, Richie Lemos, Georgie Hansford, Toby Vigil, Richie Fontaine, Guy Serean and Verne Bybee.



Lew Jenkins of the Coast Guard, who has had combat service in many campaigns.

Still another fistic celebrity breezed into the Twelfth Naval District, when B.M. 2/c Lew Jenkins arrived at the Coast Guard Base at Alameda, Calif. Jenkins returned to the States after seeing service in several of the major campaigns of this war.

Lew Jenkins is the former lightweight champion of the world. He won the title on May 10, 1940, from Lou Ambers with a sensational 3 round kayo. Jenkins has 21 kayoes to his credit.

Jenkins was over for two and one half years and participated in the campaigns in Africa, Sicily, was at Salerno and Normandy. He still wants to continue his boxing career after the war.

Another up and coming Coast Guard boxer in this section is LeRoy Brady, who recently appeared on a Treasure Island card.

With the Nazi machine a wreck, fighting Coast Guardsmen are plugging it out with the Japs in the last rounds of the Big Fight.

Yanks Land; Japs Lose Base; Yanks Stage Boxing Show

By CARL WAKSER, SM 3/c U.S.N.R.
(Sent from an advanced Naval Base on Luzon Island)

BOXING, more so than baseball, follows our flag to all corners of the world. This has been evident time and again in lands that our gallant fighting men have conquered from the Japs. It doesn't take long after a landing and the establishment of a base, before the warriors are treated to a boxing match.

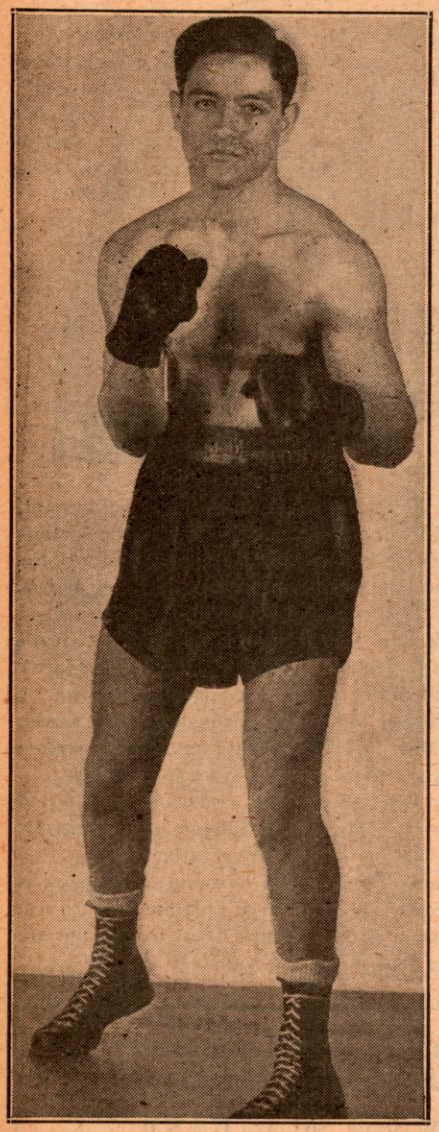
A few weeks ago within a few hours after the Japs had been pushed off the rifle range on Luzon Island, "Champ" Thomas, one of the best boxing handlers in the Pacific area, presented the first boxing show. This despite the unsettled conditions. Ninety-five percent of the spectators carried rifles. The weekly bouts are now the number one attraction at this place.

Most of the boxers are Filipinos. Some have just been recruited in the Navy while many are guerrilla heroes with many Jap scalps to their credit. A few of the boys were ten round main event fighters before the war and were rated as leading fighters in the Orient. The Filipinos go for boxing in a big way.

"Champ" Thomas now has plans under way for one of the biggest tournaments ever held in the Pacific area.

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT



Eddie Compo, New Havenite, who is coming along at a rapid gait.

MAURICE "LEFTY" LA CHANCE

THE dream of every out-of-town boxer is to get to the "Great Metropolis" and perform in Madison Square Garden. Half of that dream has been realized by "Lefty" La Chance—and it shouldn't be long before Maurice will have a chance to display his fistic wares before the elite Garden clientele.

La Chance is possessed of sufficient experience and boxing skill to satisfy the most critical fight fan. Although he's a southpaw, Maurice has a highly interesting style of fighting. He is an effective tapper, and has a savage left hook.

It has been a hard climb, but La Chance finally landed among the ten best featherweights in THE RING's ratings. Lefty made it by giving the highly touted Carlos Chavez a sound beating down South and beating Vince Dell 'Orto. La Chance defeated Phil Terranova directly after the latter won the NBA featherweight title from Jackie Callura on August 16, 1943.

"You can draw your own conclusions as to whether La Chance is a good fighter or not from the following incident," volunteered Marty Fuller, who now manages the portside scrapper: "He was asked to help put world featherweight champ, Willie Pep, in trim for a fight a short time ago. Two days is all that Lefty lasted in Pep's camp. His services, he was bluntly told, were no longer required."

The stork delivered Maurice La Chance in Lisbon, Maine, on January 2, 1921. After graduating from grammar school, he went to work at the Bonified Mill, a linoleum factory. Later he worked for his father, laying linoleum.

"I started fighting while still attending public school," explained La Chance. "Just a bunch of kids, boxing for fun. We did our training in a garage; that is, when the cars were taken out. I kept on boxing while going to Saint Bernadette School, where I learned my mother tongue—French."

Maurice never took part in any amateur contests. He had his first pro fight at the age of sixteen and estimates that he's taken part in about 175 bouts during his career until now. He hopes to have at least that many more fights before hanging up the padded mittens for keeps.

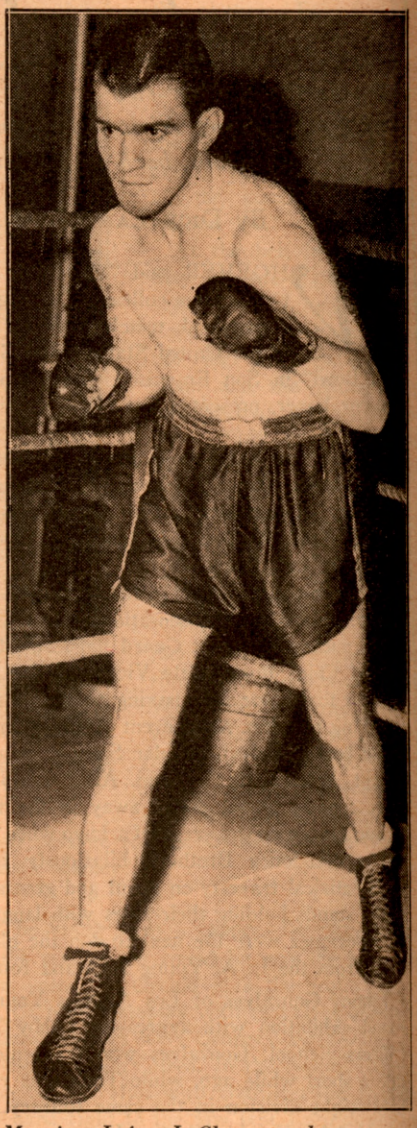
"Lefty is at his prime now," supplied Marty Fuller, "and should be going places. And I'm making it my business to see that he gets there!"

Among the fighters La Chance has triumphed over are: Vince Dell 'Orto; Charley "Cabey" Lewis, twice; Tony Costa; Dave Crawford; Abe Denner; Augie Lapara; Tommy Keine; Ted Christie; Domingo Diaz; Billy Bates, twice; Mario Colon; Al Sforza; Carlos "No-No" Cuebas; Larry Bolvin and many other good boys.

In practically every town or city that Lefty La Chance fights, either the matchmaker or the fans want him to show there again as soon as possible—because he always puts up a hard and exciting battle.

Explaining how he came under Marty Fuller's management, Maurice said: "The fellow who handled me was drafted and is now in the Army. But even when he was around I practically was forced to sort of manage myself; he was nearly always too busy with his own business to bother about looking after my interests. So it was only natural that when Marty befriended me, taking charge of my affairs in Savannah and New Orleans, that I should retain him as my manager. And I intend to remain with Marty, as he's one of the squarest fight managers I've ever run across. And a hustler and good businessman, too."

La Chance, who was honorably discharged from the U. S. Marines the latter part of 1943, hardly shows a mark for all the tough fights he's taken part in. He's rangy and rather good-looking, has a pleasant personality. But what's more important, pugilistically, is that he not only looks good in the ring but at all times gives a good account of himself.



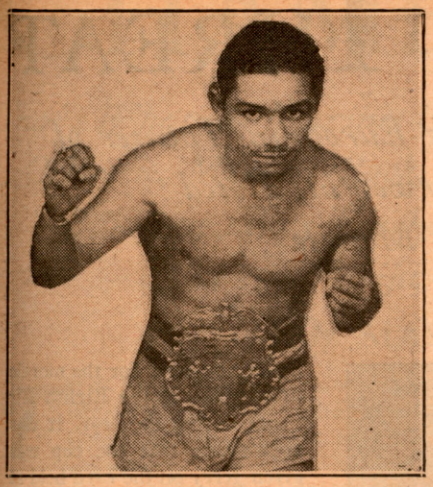
Maurice Lefty LaChance, whose recent triumphs over Carlos Chavez and Vince Dell 'Orto have regained for him a place among the ranking ten feathers.

EDDIE COMPO

EDDIE COMPO makes a hit whenever he steps in the ring because he's a good hitter and a fast and clever young boxer. He has flashed to the fore rapidly. He participated in a few four round bouts and several sixes before getting his first main event, the tenth bout in his entire career, with Rocky Progano at White Plains County Center, on June 12.

He started boxing about six months ago. His first instructor was his brother, Johnny Compo, highly rated featherweight who was active in the ring up to the time he joined the Army a year ago. Johnny started teaching the youngster when Eddie was still attending school.

Eddie was a southpaw when he started. When Eddie was eleven years of age, Bob Mele, New Haven gym operator, who made boxers of Johnny Bellus, Al Gainer, Hobo



Danny Caraballo, soldier-fighter, who has engaged in contests in many parts of the world.

Williams, Georgie Fitch and Johnny Compo, undertook to complete Eddie's pugilistic education and he did an excellent job. Eddie made the fans sit up and take notice at Madison Square Garden where he gave the seasoned Georgie Knox a fine lacing.

Eddie first saw the light of day in New Haven, Conn., on January 4, 1926. He was an all-round athlete in grammar school. He attended Hill House High School where he took up technical art. "But the art of boxing interested me more," admitted the youngster. "You see, fighting is in my blood. I had secretly chosen boxing as my profession and only kept on with my high school course for the sake of my parents. After graduating, I told my manager to start me on my boxing career."

Bob Mele, fully aware that the kid wanted real fistic competition, skipped the amateurs and started him as a pro in December, 1944, matching him with Manuel Torres, Roy Rodgers, Young Tony Oshiro and Rocky Progano. He outboxed and outfought them all.

Compo is undefeated in nine fights at this writing.

A number of fight experts who hang around Stillman's gym happened to see Eddie in a workout, boxing with a well-known featherweight. "Who," asked one of another, "is that snappy-looking kid?"

"I donno," was the shrugging reply. "But from what I'm seein' it won't be long before he'll be a headliner."

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PAT SCANLON

UNLIKE his parents, who performed on the vaudeville stage, Pat Scanlon has chosen the prize ring as a means of displaying his own manner of entertaining an audience—boxing. Experts put the stamp of approval on Scanlon's ring work when he outboxed the rugged, hard-punching Tony Pellone on two occasions recently.

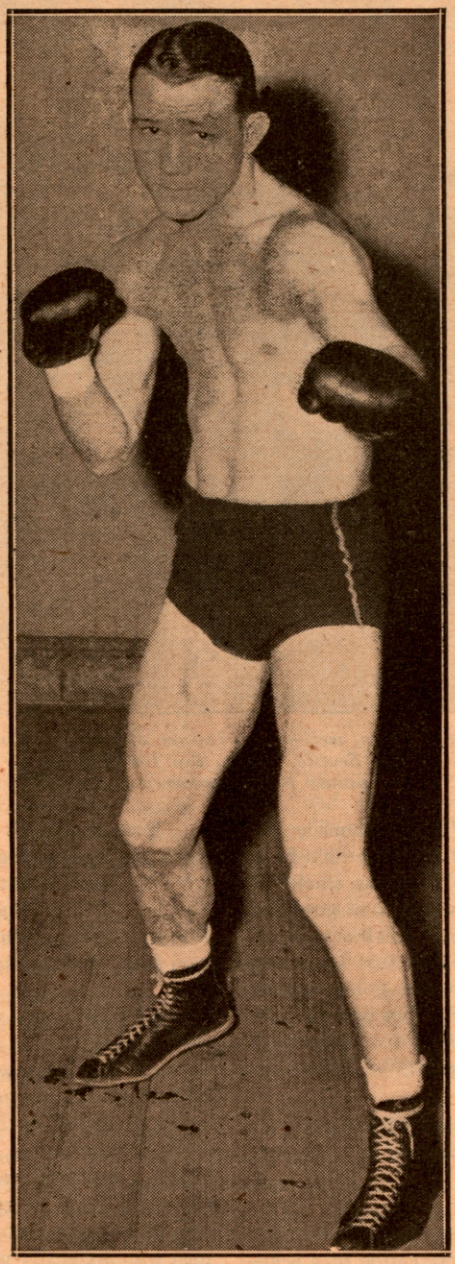
Pat dispelled all doubts as to whether he's bound to rise to the top as a ring gladiator or not when he decisively defeated the experienced Joey Manfro at the Ridgewood Grove in a thrill-packed main event of eight rounds. Not only did young Pat outbox his ring-wise opponent, but outslugged him as well—and Manfro is reputedly a rough and tough scrapper.

The talented Mr. Scanlon speared Tami Mauriello's stablemate with innumerable sharp jabs, smearing Manfro with blood that gushed out of his battered nose. Pat smashed him with rights to the chin almost at will, and at close quarters, lambasted Joey severely about the body.

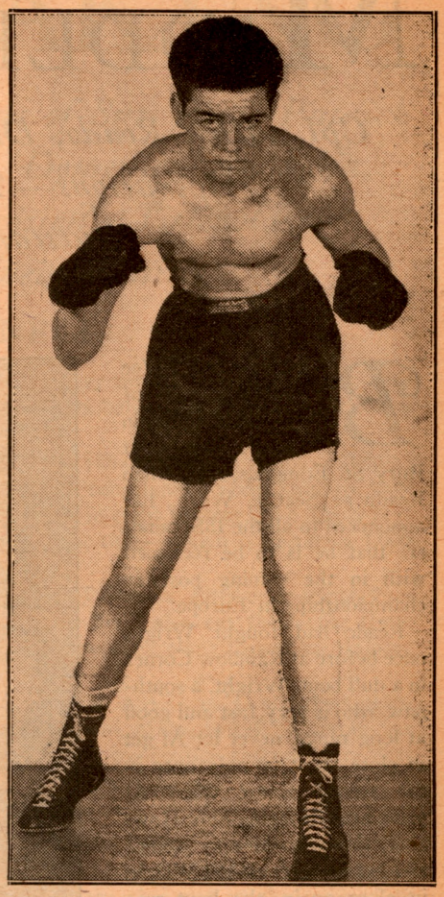
"The kid is a will-o'-the-wisp," remarked boxing writer Ben Greene, a former fighter himself. "Sharp-eyed as a hawk, he's quick to take advantage of an opening. His left jab flashes out and there's jarring force behind it. The remarkable part about Scanlon, is that although he has but limited ring experience, he boxes coolly and smartly. He wastes few punches. Pat is bound to make trouble for the welterweights before long."

Scanlon is a lanky youngster, scaling 140 pounds at present, but his frail-looking appearance belies the wiry strength and resiliency hidden in his slender body.

Born Patrick Donald Scanlon, in Chicago, on August 23, 1926, his parents moved to New York when he was a baby. "I did more fighting than studying in grammar school," says Pat. "And likewise in high school. So I quit and got myself a job as a shipping clerk. But I didn't do so good—because I had boxing on my mind, not boxes and parcels to be shipped out. I had about ten P. A. L. bouts as a flyweight and came out with flying colors, so I became an amateur boxer. After winning six out of seven contests, I turned pro."



Georgie Kochan, recently discharged from the Coast Guard, has hit his stride and is back in the top ranking among the light-heavyweights. He is one of the nation's outstanding battlers.



Pat Scanlon, a lanky junior welter, who shows great promise.

That was 15 months ago—six months before he married the lovely Margie Brooks—who is half the inspiration for his pugilistic success.

Scanlon, who is a carbon copy of the great Jimmy Slattery, is no doubt one of the busiest scrappers in the ring today. He loves to box. Pat has engaged in sixty pro fights, winning 53 of them. A Believe It Or Not item for Ripley is: Scanlon had five fights in one week.

Among those over whom Pat Scanlon has triumphed are: Corky Davis, Ruby Kessler, Andy Klinges, Jeff Holloway, "Bo" Harris, Tony Pellone—twice, and Johnny Cool, New England lightweight champion.

"The kid improves with every fight," says Sammy Aaronson, who—with Tommy Dio—started Pat as a boxer, taught him the art of fisticuffs and is now his manager. "He's dead game—but smart enough not to let his courage make him careless."

Aaronson and Dio have great plans for Scanlon. If they spend some of their precious time—being the busiest fight managers in the game—dreaming of the time Pat Scanlon will be the wearer of a championship crown, one cannot very well blame them. For in Scanlon they have a youth who

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MIDDLEWEIGHT THREAT

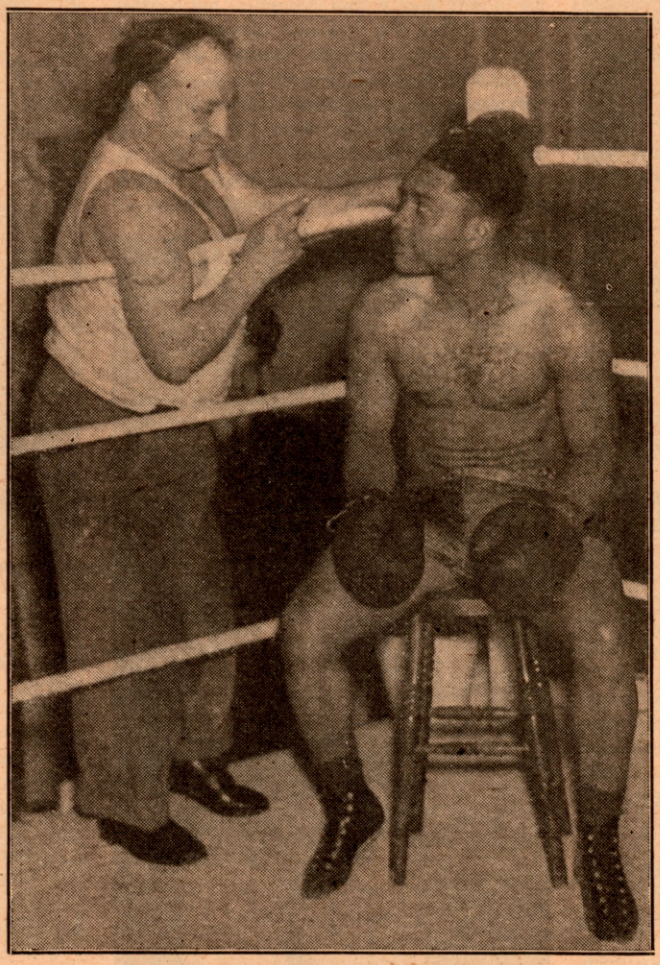
Cpl. Allen Reado, Dubbed the Joe Walcott of the European Theater of Operations—Pecararo, New York Featherweight, Voted Outstanding Boxer of the Year for Morale

By PFC. MARK FANNON

BY beating Pvt. "Wee Willie" Wright of Youngstown, Ohio, in a savage battle at Bury St. Edmunds, Cpl. Allen Reado of Seattle, Wash., has announced to all the 155-pounders that he is to be reckoned with in the coming postwar championships in Europe.

Reado had fought Wright once before at Rainbow Corner in a dull bout. Wright, a southpaw, who is very fast and good at long range, never let Al get in close—that is, only once in the second frame when Al came near dropping him. However, this was the only chance and before he could get Wright in close again, the bout was over. On this occasion Reado didn't look good. True, he was tough and could dish it out, but he is so short—about 5 feet, 4 inches tall. He finds it necessary to slug at close range as he is ineffective until he can use his two hard-hitting hands to the body. There is dynamite in both mitts.

Reado felt bad about his poor showing with Wright so asked for another chance against his conqueror. In the meantime Wright had beaten that slick performer, Bobby Volk, so Al knew it was now or never to impress the fans.



Wally May, London, well-known trainer of Europe, shown giving Cpl. Allen Reado, Seattle, Wash., the Joe Walcott of the ETO, a few points before answering the bell.

From the first bell, Al tore into "Wee Willie" and made him trade punches. There was nothing for Wright to do but fight back. It was toe-to-toe for three vicious rounds. When the smoke of battle had cleared, Reado found himself the winner and possessor of a cut over the right eye which required eight stitches to mend.

The next time out at Rainbow, Reado whipped that tough nut Al Deakin of Providence, R. I. Deakin hasn't been going as good as last season but he is still a tough boy to beat. He was not only beaten decisively but was floored twice in the third but gamely weathered the round. There are not many dropping the Providence boy in this league.

With these two wins under his belt, Reado looks like a good bet for the Eighth Air Force in any championship they care to enter him.

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ONE of the finest gestures yet made to an athlete in the European Theater of Operations was the presentation of a beautiful cup to Pfc. Jerry Pecararo, 8th Air Force and USSTAF featherweight champ, for being the outstanding athlete of his base for the year 1944. As good as this is, it isn't good enough, for Jerry should have gotten a similar trophy which would show that he did the most for the morale of the boys in the Eighth Air Force during the year. It was appropriate that the cup was given Jerry on the card held at his base which featured Billy Conn. So well did this show go and so responsive was the reception to the card that this base was immediately given the semi-finals to the Eighth Air Force championships to see. Their arena seats 5,000.

If the fistic followers in the States could understand how tough it is to run a show during war time, to get to box, get a pass to box, secure transportation to a show, and scores of other complications, they would realize what a fighter has to go through during these times. Besides going through this routine for the sake of the entertainment-hungry GI's, he must take the punishment glove tossing brings.

When Jerry Pecararo landed in England, he was 30 years old and a veteran of 400 battles—many of them of the slam-bang variety. Anyone who knows the Manhattan Jumping Jack at all knows they couldn't have been any other kind of battles.

In almost every show put on by the Eighth Air Force, Jerry was there ready to meet anyone. Jerry fought 58 times in the ETO, winning 54, losing 4. He has boxed against the RAF and the Polish teams. His four losses were by Jesse Puente, 8th Air Force lightweight champ, Roger Sanchez, Teddy Budzizewski, Polish Air Force, and Willie Romano. Since capturing the USSTAF championship, Jerry has won 30 straight fights.

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AFTER Jerry won the USSTAF featherweight championship, he was asked to join the Billy Conn tours. He went on both. The first was a tour all over England and to Belfast, Ireland. On the second trip he followed Conn to the Mediterranean where he boxed in 23 places in Italy, including Naples, Forgia, Bari, Florence, Pisa, and Rome; in Sicily he boxed in Palermo, Serlano, and Corsica; in France he was seen in Paris and St. Germain. They were flown to most of the places but made side trips now and then to hospitals and near battle fronts to talk to the men who are really winning the war. The tour was not a pleasure trip by any means.

During these two tours Pecararo boxed approximately 750 rounds in exhibitions with "Porky" Moreno, Georgie Coyle, and Jesse Spivey.

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CHAMPS *in the* MAKING

That's What the Marines Say About Post-War Prospects of Sgt. Regis Patrick O'Brien, McKees Rock, Pa., Heavyweight, and Cpl. Domenick Adragna, Carnegie, Pa., Featherweight, Third Marine Division's Titleholders in the Pacific—Georgie Abrams Sings Their Praises

By MARINE CPL. "RED" O'DONNELL

THE Third Marine Division's boxing team roster reads like a "Who's Who" culled from a collection of former Golden Gloves, Diamond Belt, and A.A.U. tournament champions.

Coached by Marine Captain William S. Campbell of Dallas, Tex., who fought professionally in the middleweight class as Bobby Burns, and trained by Marine Private First Class Robert E. Clark, 27, of Baltimore, Md., veteran of many amateur and pro bouts, the Third Marine Division glove swingers, somewhere in the Pacific, are one of the most formidable ring outfits in the Pacific war theater.

On the team are fighters who were headline attractions in various ring events sponsored by newspapers, charitable, and civic organizations, including: Heavyweight, Sergeant Regis Patrick O'Brien, 23, of McKees Rock, Pa.; 147-pound, Private First Class Elmer Davis, 19, of Dolliver, Iowa; 147-pound, Russell Milnes, 24, of Rochester, Pa. (cq); 135-pound Private Frank Marrone, 21, of Monteville, N. Y., and 126-pound Corporal Domenick Adragna, 22, of Carnegie, Pa. This 23-year-old leather-pushing Leatherneck has his eyes aimed on a pro heavyweight career when the war is won.

A graduate of McKees Rock High School, O'Brien ranks as one of the best prospects in the Pacific Islands area.

So impressed was Abrams with O'Brien's ability and promise that he is giving him private lessons on footwork and other ring technique and strategy. O'Brien can hit with either hand, Abrams pointed out. He is fast for a big man and likes to rough it up. He can easily be, on what he has shown me in several bouts, a safe bet to be among the heavyweight contenders in the postwar picture.

Other devotees of the fight game are equally lavish in their praise of O'Brien who was an observer with a tank unit of the Third Marine Division during the Guam and Iwo Jima invasions.

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A LIGHTWEIGHT crown in the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph* 1939 Diamond Belt tourney, was O'Brien's first title. He repeated in the same weight in the A.A.U. event at Pittsburgh and the following year won a Golden Glove championship.

He joined the Marines in September 1941 and while training for overseas action at San Diego, boxed on the West Coast as an amateur and pro.

Adragna, who won the junior National A.A.U. 118-pound title at Philadelphia in 1939, is rated among the best among his weight in this area. He currently is a strong contender for honors in the All-Pacific boxing tourney. Like O'Brien, Adragna and Milnes also have won numerous trophies in amateur tournaments staged by Pittsburgh and Philadelphia newspapers. Milnes copped the Naval District championship at San Diego in 1943. Overseas for 18 months and a veteran of Guam and Iwo Jima where Adragna was a rifle team leader and maintenance man, Domenick recently won the all-service tournament in his class over the best in this area. He will represent the Third Marine Division in the "second round" of the All-Pacific-Islands preliminaries in a tourney set for another Pacific Island group. When the preliminaries are concluded, the winners will move to Pearl Harbor for the final bouts late in the summer.

Adragna hails from Carnegie, Pa. But he did most of his pre-overseas and peacetime fighting in and around Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He tacked up a fancy record in Golden Gloves, Diamond Belts, and A.A.U. tourneys before entering the Marines in the spring of 1942.

Adragna won the national junior title in 1939, outclassing a fast field. He was the Pennsylvania State king in 1939 and 1940 and in those two years, in eight tourneys, the Third Marine Division puncher won eight titles—which is getting a 1.000 per cent batting average.

Adragna got his start in Syl Pastorius' Pittsburgh gymnasium where Billy Conn and Fritzie Zivic also cut their ring teeth. When the Japs are whipped, Domenick plans to resume training for a professional career.

Elmer Davis won the Iowa State A.A.U. in '43 and the Golden Gloves district diadem at Fairmount, Minn., in 1942. Marrone has been equally impressive in amateur competition and once served as a sparring partner for Tippy Larkin at his peak.

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MARINE Private First Class Robert E. Clark of the Third Marine Division and Baltimore, Md., has absorbed numerous blows and shocks in the ring and on the soccer field but none of the civilized action compared with the rugged fighting on Iwo Jima.

A radio and telephone man with the Third Marine Division's communication company, Clark spent more than two weeks on Iwo. Commenting on the battle he said, "It was really rough. The Japs were tossing everything they had at us and that was plenty. When some of those mortar shells landed near me, more than once I figured I was a goner. They jarred me worse than any sock or blow I took in the ring or on the soccer field back home."

Clark, 27 years old, works on the side as coach of the Third Marine Division boxing team where his background ably qualifies him. Winner of 55 fights in 60 starts as a civilian, Clark was never kayoed. He confined most of his arena activity to Baltimore but beat Army Sergeant Steve Kadash in an important heavyweight bout at Norfolk, Va., four years ago.

Before enlisting in the Marine Corps in September, 1943, Clark was employed by the Bendix Aviation Corporation at Baltimore, and represented the firm in an all-day "War Industrial Boxing Tournament" sponsored by the Red Cross at Baltimore City Stadium, June 23, 1943. He won two bouts by knockouts and a third on points to gain the heavyweight crown. Clark won his first decision at 3 P. M., the second at 9 P. M. and the final at 1 A. M. the following day. Oddly enough his rival in the clincher contest was Whitey Clark, former ranking professional.

Clark also competed in numerous Golden Gloves and Diamond Belt tournaments at New York and Boston and played amateur and professional soccer in Baltimore. He was graduated from Baltimore City College.

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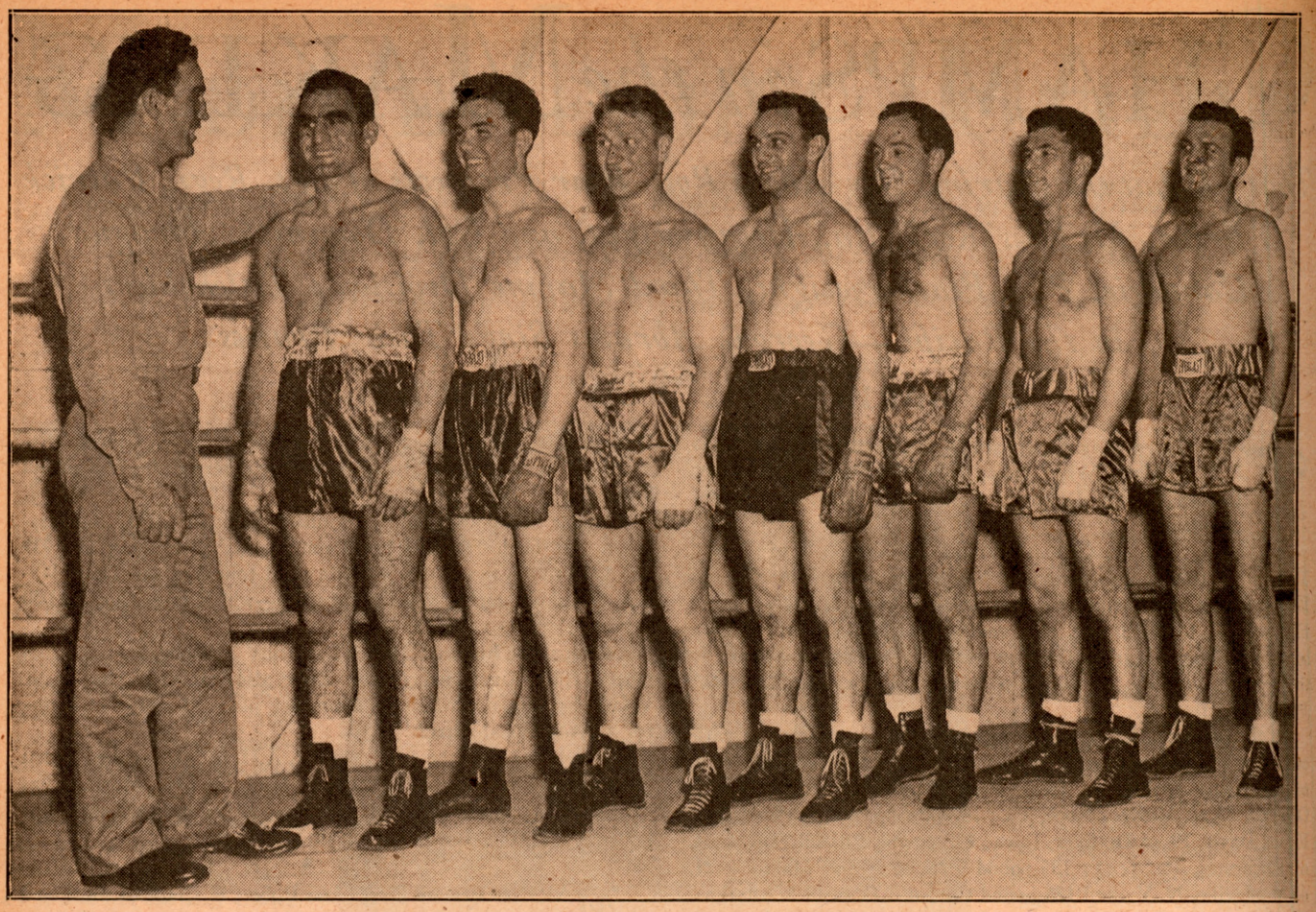
MARINE Private First Class James A. Gray, now serving with an ammunition company of a field depot Somewhere in the Pacific, holds the Marine lightweight championship title of his sector. He won four elimination bouts and took the decision over his runner-up opponent, Nat Buzzancca, on the final night of the Marine Corps Boxing Tournament.

The 135-pound champ is 19 and formerly worked as a checker for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He intends to box professionally when he is mustered out of the service.



Rated by the Associated Press sports writers as the finest amateur boxing team in the country, these seven Leathernecks have won 12 Golden Gloves titles since the first of the year, including three National Championships. They have defeated the best service teams along the Eastern coast within the past year. From left to right: Technical Sergeant Johnny Abood, coach; Private First Class Joseph Rindone, light-heavyweight; Staff Sergeant La Vern Roach, National welterweight champion; Private Harold Anspach, middleweight; Sergeant Elbert Highers, National lightweight champion; Sergeant Howard Brodt, National middleweight champion; Staff Sergeant Leon Leblond, lightweight and Private First Class Johnny Byrnes, featherweight. (U. S. Marine Corps Photo.)

MARINE BOXING ACES

Leathernecks From Cherry Point Air Station Rated the Best Amateur Team Among Servicemen by Associated Press—Sgt. Elbert Highers, S/Sgt. La Vern Roach and Sgt. Howard Brodt, Lead Comrades to National Fame

By CPL. J. TYRUS PRIMM, USMC

THREE Leathernecks from Cherry Point, the largest air station in the Marine Corps, reached the pinnacle of amateur success by winning three titles in the National Golden Gloves finals in Chicago, Illinois. Before a capacity crowd of 20,752 fans in Chicago's huge stadium, Sergeant Elbert Highers, lightweight from Oneida, N. Y., Staff Sergeant La Vern Roach, welterweight from Plainview, Texas, and Sergeant Howard Brodt, middleweight from Utica, N. Y., fought their way to a brilliant climax in winning the diadems in their respective weights. They were representing the New York Eastern Golden Gloves team.

Coach Johnny Abood's powerful boxing team, sparked by the three National Champions, has defeated every service team along the Eastern coast during the past year, excepting Bainbridge Navy with which team it tied.

The Flying Leathernecks recently defeated team members of the strong Naval Training Center of Jacksonville, Florida. Other of their victims include Pre-Flight at Chapel Hill, N. C., Parris Island, S. C., and the pro-studded Portsmouth Coast Guard of Virginia, twice. They won the team championship trophy in both the Washington, D. C., tournament in January and the Carolinas Golden Gloves in Charlotte, N. C., in February.

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IN 96 bouts within the past year, the Marines have won 84 and dropped the nod in 10, nine of them in Golden Gloves opposition. The team, in rolling up this remarkable record, has lost only two bouts via the K.O. route. Their opponents have taken the count in the horizontal position in 45 of these contests.

Roach and Brodt completely monopolized the Gloves situation along the Eastern coast, winning four championships each, including the Chicago diadem. Both won titles in Washington, D. C., and Charlotte, N. C., and then the New York coveted title. Highers won his golden opportunity by breezing through the Charlotte tournament. Although he was defeated in the finals in New York on a very close and disputed decision by Edward Murphy, he was selected by the Eastern coaches to represent their team in the Western finals. He fought the Chicago champion due to an

injury to Murphy, who was therefore unable to box.

Coach Abood's seven champions have won twelve titles since the first of the year in Golden Gloves competition. Staff Sergeant Leon Leblond, 135-pounder, Staff Sergeant La Vern Roach, welterweight, and Sergeant Howard Brodt, middleweight, copped titles in Washington.

Then they swept the tournament in the Carolinas Golden Gloves, copping the team championship and five titles in the Charlotte, N. C., event. Titlists in the Carolina tournament were Private First Class Johnny Byrnes, featherweight; Elbert Highers, lightweight; La Vern Roach, welterweight; Howard Brodt, middleweight, and Private First Class Joseph Rindone, light-heavyweight.

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ALTHOUGH Rindone and Private Harold Anspach, middleweight, who was runner-up to his pal Brodt in the New York tourney, did not win championships there, they were selected by coaches to represent the Eastern champs in Chicago, due to their impressive showing in New York's classic. Anspach did not get an opportunity to show the Westerners his potent right hand, since another alternate from New York was selected to fight the Chicago runner-up. Rindone lost his scrap by a knockout to a hard-hitting Mexican who had shown his wares last year in the Windy City. Rindone, who has had only twelve bouts in his brief career in the squared circle, rocked the tough Mexican several times before taking the final count.

Highers decisioned Bernard Paige in three fast rounds to cop the 135-pound title. Roach dropped his worthy opponent, Gilbert Garcia, also from Texas, for a nine count in the first round and coasted to the welterweight championship. Brodt won a decisive decision over Chicago's popular favorite, Ray Spurlock, to take middleweight honors. The Champions were presented with diamond rings in New York and wrist watches for their National honors.

Since becoming a member of the Fighting Leathernecks, Roach has an amazing record of 33 victories against two defeats. Both setbacks were by former professionals, now in the service, wearing the colors of Uncle Sam. He has scored 20 of his wins via the K.O. route. He is a classy boxer, with a deadly right hand and a sharp left hook. Only 20 years old, the Texan was hailed in New York as another Ray Robinson.

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HIGHERS has one of the finest records in amateur circles, losing only one fight in his 43 appearances in the ring since joining the Marines two years ago. He is very fast, with a beautiful left jab and hook and a hard right for the sleeping powder. Twenty-three of his opponents have taken the count after being christened by that dynamite laden right.

Brodt has probably the hardest punch on the team. He is a 154-pound precisionist who can unload with either hand, winning 21 of his 34 triumphs by the K.O. route. Brodt's teammates say that he could whip everybody on the team from the heavyweights down. He is very shifty in the ring and a hard man to hit. His only setback came at the hands of a fellow Marine several years ago at Parris Island, which is the only blot on his record.

Joltin' Joe Rindone, who hails from Roxbury, Mass., is one of the latest additions to Abood's crack outfit. He has won twelve and lost two since taking up his boxing career in the Marines. He lost one bout in Chicago and another by a hairline decision to a former pro, Ruben Shank, of the U. S. Coast Guard, early this year. Joe moves like a lightweight in the ring and is fast with a nice left hand, a potent right.

"Frenchy" Leblond is the veteran of the team. He comes from Lisbon, Maine, where he won the state lightweight Golden Gloves title in 1942. He has a record of 20 decisions against four defeats, with one draw. He has fought some of the best 135-pounders in the service, including a number of the former professionals. He is one of the classiest boxers on the team, with a sharp left hook and a good right cross. He was defeated in the New York semi-finals by the Eastern champion, Murphy.

Harold Anspach, hard-hitting middleweight from Danville, Pa., represented Charlotte in New York, due to the fact that his teammate, Brodt, represented Washington in the Eastern finals. He was decisioned in the finals by his pal on a very close decision. He possesses the hardest right hand on the team and under the capable tutelage of Coach Abood is rapidly developing a nice left hand to set up his victims for that explosive right. He has a record of 10 wins and one defeat, that by his teammate, Brodt.

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ALONG with winning four Golden Gloves titles, Roach was also awarded the trophy for the most outstanding fighter in the Washington tournament. He also won the popularity cup in Charlotte for the second straight year, the only participant to ever accomplish that in the Carolinas Glove history. He had another high honor bestowed upon him by being elected the New York team captain for the Chicago invasion. He also scored the quickest knockout in New York's Golden Gloves history by putting away Woody Spiers in 20 seconds of the first round in the semi-finals in the Eastern fray.

Johnny Byrnes, who hails from West New York, New Jersey, is the team's featherweight. He won the 126-pound title in the Carolinas tourney and was defeated by the New York champion in the quarter-finals. He has participated in 22 bouts, getting the nod in 18 and losing four. He is a rugged body puncher, with a good right hand for a little man.

The coach, Technical Sergeant Johnny Abood, is from Brooklyn, N. Y. He has been coach, trainer and father to the boys for over two years. He is a former professional, fighting under the name of Johnny Lamarr on the west coast a few years ago. He fought such outstanding boys as Jimmy McLarnin, Ray Miller, Billy Petrolle and Jackie Fields. He won 115 out of 135 fights during his reign inside the squared circle.

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OTHER members of Coach Abood's crack outfit includes: Corporal James McFadden, classy lightweight from Bayonne, N. J., who has a record of 15 wins and five defeats, with one draw. He was unable to compete in Golden Gloves competition this year due to a fractured nose received early this year.

The lightest man on the team is Corporal Ernie Charboneau, 118-pounder from Detroit, Michigan. He is a nice boxer with a potent right hand. Ernie has broken even in eight settos, winning four and losing four.

Corporal Edsel Martz, rugged, hard-punching middleweight, hails from Washington, D. C. Eddie has a record of 12 victories, with two setbacks and two draws. Abood says, "Eddie is the most improved fighter on the team."

Corporal Johnny Kostas, a smooth working welterweight from Ambridge, Pa., is another new member of the Leathernecks. He has been very impressive in his six bouts to date, winning four and dropping the nod in two.

Technical Sergeant Ray McKnight, middleweight, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Staff Sergeant Floyd "Husk" Bartelmay, heavyweight from Morton, Illinois, recently joined the team and have only competed in a few bouts to date. McKnight, a former professional with about 20 fights, won the approval of Coach Abood recently when he decisioned Alabama Du Bois, crack 160-pounder from Jacksonville's Naval Training Center.

Bartelmay has broken even in two jousts, winning one and losing one. When he develops a left hand to go along with his powerful right, he will bear watching in the future. "Husk" recently returned to the States after 18 months of active duty in the South Pacific area.

At present all the boys are attached to a unit of the Ninth Marine Aircraft Wing, which is in combat training at Cherry Point.

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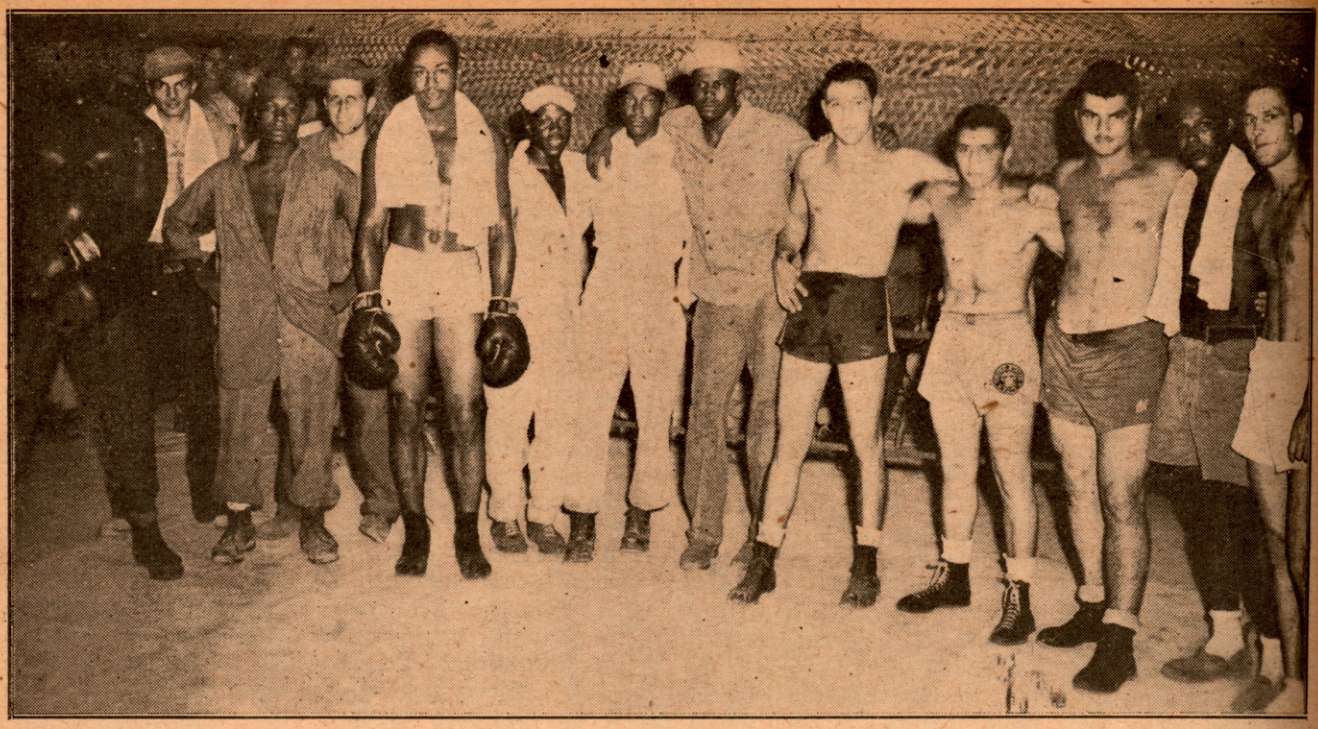


Participants in first boxing show staged in the Philippines following the ousting of the Japs by General MacArthur's forces. Left to right: Norman Jennings, Joe Scalfani, Bill Coleman, Dick Volpe, Eddie Greene, Tyler Abraham, Kid Dunn, Ken Southall, Les Seal, Ray Bishop, B. Como, T. Gould and L. Crews.

Boxing Returns to the Philippines

By STAN DREBEN, S 2/C

BOXING and MacArthur have returned to the Philippines to stay. The first of a series of weekly shows sponsored by Lts. Tullio and Kolf, base recreation officers, was run off before an enthusiastic audience of G.I.'s and Filipinos. The show started with a novelty match, strictly local talent for the haystack championship.

Both boys weighed in at approximately 24 pounds, that is with the bolo and gloves included for no good Filipino is ever caught with his bolo down. These juvenile guerrillas really take to boxing. They flock around the training ring on weekdays and ape every movement of the fighters. One youngster had the misguided notion that you had to sniff with every punch you threw and he was worried more about his breathing than his punching. Here is a run down on the card, all three rounders.

Grady Johnson, 136-pounder, from Washington, D. C., decisioned Bill Lewis in the opener. This was a novice affair. Both boys rained punches on each other in the opening two minutes, then stood around breathless for the next two rounds. Johnson just outgasped Lewis in the final minute to cop the verdict.

Dick Volpe, 134 pounds, of Wakefield, Mass., and Joe Scalfani, 132, a couple of "Seabees", stopped building an air strip long enough to stage a close three-rounder. Volpe won an unpopular decision. The crowd was unduly impressed by Scalfani's flash and bolo punching, Volpe just plodded and punched his way to a close but well-earned decision.

Ray Bishop, 136, decisioned Bill Coleman of Philadelphia, Pa., in the most interesting bout of the evening. Coleman, a free-swinging portsider, smothered Bishop in the opening round. He looped that left hand in at will but Bishop weathered the storm and solved that unorthodox style by beating him with short right hand leads and sticking in close where he was far superior at infighting. This was a fast hard-fought bout and if Coleman had a good right hand and more endurance, he might have turned the tide.

Larry Crews, 150, earned himself a T.K.O. over Tommy Gould after 1:50 of the second round. Gould started fast and looked real sharp in the opening minutes but he ran out of gas and Crews put the pressure on from there on. Referee Bert Wenzel wisely called a halt to the proceedings after 1:50 of the second round.

Kid Dunn, 133, representing the U. S. Army, jabbed his way to a decision over Tyler Abraham, 135-pound Navy lad from Washington, D. C., in a fast contest. A perfect match, boxer versus slugger, Dunn had a bit too much class and experience for Tyler. He dazzled him with footwork and his educated left hand kept Tyler from exploding any of his right hand depth charges. Abraham has had only 3 amateur contests under his belt and he is shaping up real well. He was just beginning to solve Dunn's tricky maneuvers but unfortunately he tired too quickly.

Joe Madrid, 140, from Texas, beat Vernon Vincent, 137, from Oregon, in a lively contest. Madrid had too much class for Mrs. Vincent's little boy but almost got himself in trouble a few times trying to tear a page out of Tony Canzoneri's book, relying on bobbing and weaving while boxing with his hands down at his sides. Vincent tagged him several times with his hands down and it was very embarrassing.

Ken Southall, 157, representing the U. S. Army, an ex-Chicago Golden Glove champ, put on a neat exhibition in decisively trouncing Les Seal, 154, from Cincinnati, who was a C.Y.O. champ. Seal tried hard but each time he'd try that long range left hook of his, Southall would beat him with a short right cross and the results were very discouraging—for Mr. Seal. Southall had him on queer street several times but his previous ring experience stood him in good stead until he could clear his head.

Al Parks, 175, and 7th Fleet champion, decisioned B. Como in a dull 3-rounder. This was unfortunately a mismatch.

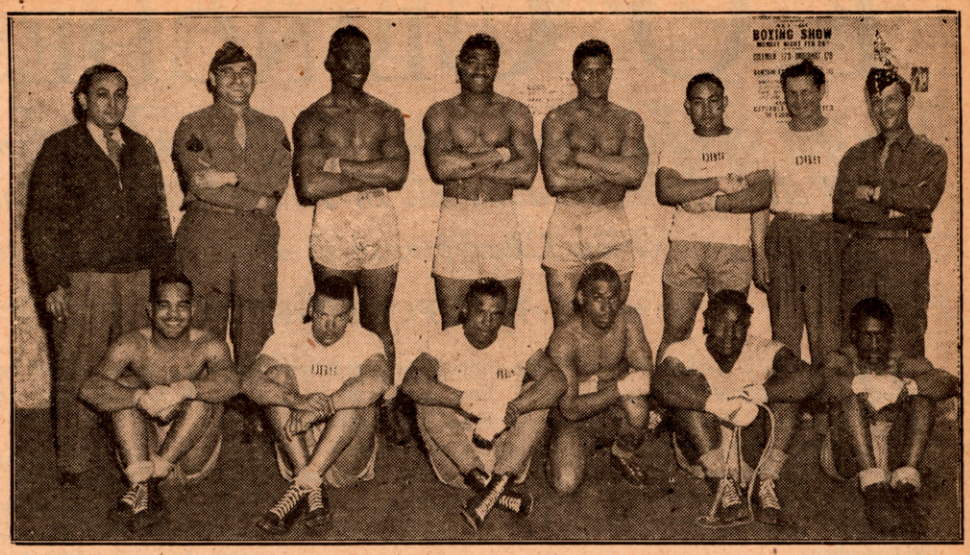
In the main event, Norman (Chub) Jennings, 245, representing the U. S. Army, formerly of N.Y.C.'s famed Salem Crescent Club which has been the incubator for a great many Golden Glove champions, easily decisioned his much lighter opponent, Eddie Green, in an entertaining three-rounder. Green, at 185 pounds, stacked up as a destroyer against Jennings' battleship tonnage of 245. Jennings is a young technicolor version of Tony Galento without scar tissue and oddly enough hails from Galento's home town—Orange, N. J. He has whipped some of the best in his amateur career—Buddy Moore and Wallace Cross were

two of his victims when he campaigned for Salem Crescent in N.Y.'s Golden Gloves.

Boxing interest is at fever pitch in the Philippines. The Georgie Abrams-Fred Apostoli troupe is scheduled to put on a show here in the next few weeks. Anton Christoforidis, ex-light-heavy champ, is to be stationed here as boxing instructor and he will have plenty of talent to work with.

I can not stress too highly the importance of boxing in these forward areas. In these Islands, where climate prohibits the playing of field sports, boxing is the surest method of instilling high morale in spectators as well as participants. The ring is the breeding and proving ground of endurance-aggressiveness-courage and the means of developing self-confidence and self reliance in our fighting men.

The Navy has always stressed the importance of boxing in its training programs. On board ship where space is at a premium, sports must of a necessity be selected because they require little in the way of space. Boxing not only answers this purpose but is a method of instilling high morale not only in the fighter and his backers, but for a whole ship or a whole fleet.



The American Doughboys in the Philippines didn't wait long to get into ring action after mopping up the Japs. Within a few days after taking back Leyte, a gloves tournament was staged in which servicemen representing many states, took part. The above shows Pvt. Lloyd Grant, Huntington, W. Va. (left), and Cpl. Kid Wilkins, Chicago, Ill., in what proved the most thrilling fight of the tourney.

Now that they have so many land based personnel, they still stress the value of boxing not only for the skill that is acquired but because it quickly acclimates the body and mind to the violence and shock so foreign to modern day youth yet so absolutely essential to fighting men.

Chief Bert Wenzel and F. C. Smith, the athletic specialists stationed in the Philippines, have done a grand job conditioning the boxers and in arranging the thousand odd details.

Middleweight Threat

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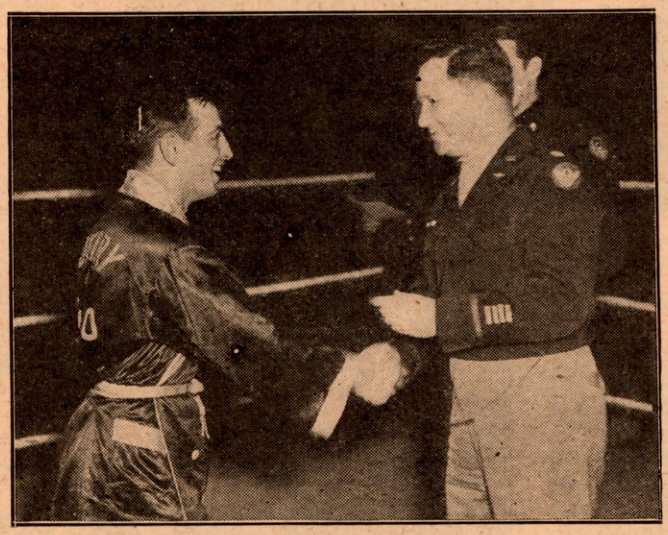
His matches with "Porky" Moreno were the talk of the tour and the GI's went wild for them—especially in Italy. These were called exhibitions but both boys went at it hammer-and-tongs with 8-oz. "Everlast" Fighting Gloves. Both were dropped, slugged, and spun around by their terrific exchanges. Action shots taken of their battles show them to be of the all-thrill type. They felt it necessary to give all they had.

Only once do we remember Jerry failing to step through the ropes—this strange case happening on the Joe Louis card at the Scala Theatre, London, when the buzz-bombs had just started in London, before they were publicized. One of these nerve-racking and destructive bombs landed near where Jerry was staying the night before his scheduled appearance. Pieces of flying glass and plaster sprayed the room after it had been violently shaken. Jerry awoke to see a friend in the next bunk covered with blood. Jerry was luckier; he was only covered with plaster. But the experience made him so nervous that he refused to box, even though it was a card he would have given anything to be on—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and the King and Queen of England were there.

This is probably the first time a fight was lost to a buzz-bomb. The Eighth Air Force is proud of Jerry Pecararo.



Private First Class Jerry Pecararo, New York, N. Y., recently added another trophy to his numerous awards by being voted the "Outstanding Athlete of the Year" by the officers and enlisted-men at this strategic air depot where battle-damaged Liberator bombers are reconditioned for future combat duty. In the accompanying photo Pfc. Pecararo is shown being congratulated by Lt. Colonel Hyman Shachtman, Winston-Salem, N. C., commanding officer of this depot, shortly after annexing another victory at a boxing carnival held at this station recently.

ANOTHER man in the midget class is Wally May, well-known trainer in England before the war, who works at Rainbow Corner helping out on the boxing shows. Helping out is not the case, really. What he does is keep the boxing alive.

He is doing a great job for the Americans and is the best man that could be had for such a job. The Red Cross was indeed lucky to get a fellow who knows his business like Wally to take over, for he is far underpaid. But as he points out, he is not in it for the money it brings. The smell of resin is too strong within him.

Before the war, Wally was known in England as the best trainer around. He had brought Len Harvey to the top and scores more. His gym was the best equipped in England and some of this equipment he has lent to the Red Cross to help condition the boys. For the sun lamp treatments, training, rubdowns and advice, Wally does not charge the Yanks a "thrupenny bit."

For almost 40 years Wally (Mr. Five-by-Five) has been in some form of physical training. And now at 60, he is still spry as a chick. He had retired but the sound of leather mittens against flesh had brought him back.

When you note improvement in a fighter at Rainbow Corner and you can't understand why, cast your thoughts back to the dressing room where the little man is. It is quite possible the words of fistic wisdom came from Wally May—the man behind the scenes.

"KO" Clinches Title

Knockout of LAC Dave LaCrouix of Canadian Army by Lt. Dave Knight, in Welter Class, Enables U. S. Army Team at Goose Bay, Labrador, to Win Championship, Four Victories to Three

By PFC. MURRAY LUKOFF

BEFORE a packed house in the American Recreation Hall, spectators from the ATC Base at Goose Bay, Labrador, the Royal Canadian Air Force and Army saw some of the best and most exciting fights ever put on in this outpost of civilization. The American team, boxing against the combined efforts of the Canadian Air Force and Army, won the Labradorian championship, with four victories against three for the Canadians.

Lt. Joe V. Sachen, Physical Training Officer, and members of his group in happy mood as Lt. Knight is returned victor by kayo to decide team match with Canadians.

The team title was not decided until the very last bout of the evening. The main event brought together Lt. Dave Knight from Spokane, Washington, weighing 140 pounds, the 1943 inter-collegiate champion from Washington State College against LAC Dave LaCrouix, the former Canadian Golden Glove titleholder, also weighing 140 pounds. LaCrouix, a smooth southpaw boxer, gave Lt. Knight a lot of trouble in the first round, but in the second, it was an entirely different story. After sparring around the first minute, Lt. Knight, who is a hard puncher with both hands, caught LaCrouix with a right hand to the stomach driving him into the ropes. As he bounced off, Lt. Knight hit him with a left hook, dropping LaCrouix for the full count and giving the Americans the championship.

The boxing team under the fine leadership of Lt. Sachen, Base athletic officer from Chisholm, Minnesota, with the help of his staff, put the boys into fine physical condition for this important match. Lt. Sachen is the proud possessor of thirteen amateur championships. He boxed as a light-heavyweight at the University of Arizona during 1936 and 1937 and fought sixty times, winning fifty-nine of his bouts. He took most of the boys at the Labrador base who were rank novices, and molded them into fine fighting machines. He has already recommended two of the boys to a New York fight manager for a postwar pro career.

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THE first event of the evening brought together two 130-pounders, Roger Arsenault, the pride of the Canadian Army, against Lt. Ehle from Syracuse, New York. Arsenault, an amateur, had just a little too much experience for Lt. Ehle, and won a unanimous decision.

The second bout was between welters, LAC Art Gordon, RCAF, pitted against Pfc. Gino Pinto from Seattle, Washington. Gordon just managed to squeeze out a split decision. Pinto, a novice, showed that he has the making of a good fighter. With the training he will get here under the guidance of the boxing staff, this boy looks like a comer.

Bout number three brought together LAC Jock Findlay, RCAF, and Pfc. Barney Lawrence from Juliette, Illinois. Lawrence had an eight-pound advantage in weight over Findlay, 147-pounder, but his eight years of amateur boxing more than overcame the weight handicap, and he won a close decision.

Losing the first three bouts put the American boys in a tough spot, but they arose to the occasion with flying colors. Starting the boys on the road to victory was Pfc. Charles "Punchy" Ulrich, the American heavyweight from Chambersburg, Pa. His opponent, LAC Russ Chamberlain, Canadian Army, never had a chance. Chamberlain, on the defense throughout, withstood Ulrich's onslaught but was outclassed. Ulrich, who has a fine left hand and is a hard puncher with his right, also showed that defensively he has very few peers. He is a heavyweight of promise.

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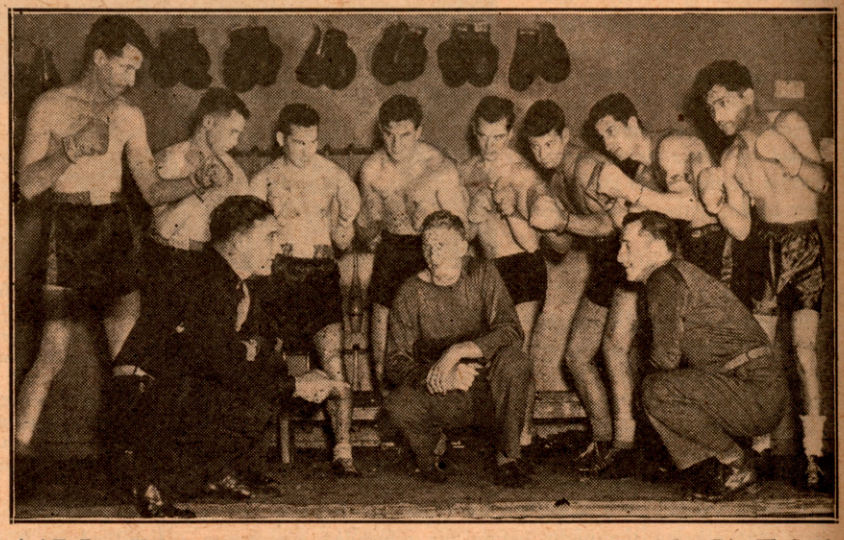


A.A.F. Base Unit Team at Goose Bay, Labrador, top row, left to right: Pfc. W. Smith, 135 lbs.; Lt. R. Ehle, 130; Lt. D. Knight, 140; Pfc. C. Ulrich, 185; Pvt. H. O'Rourke, 160; Pfc. B. Lawrence, 158; Pfc. G. Pinto, 147; Pvt. E. Betor, 147. Bottom row: Lt. J. V. Sachen, Coach; Pfc. D. Fox, Trainer; Pfc. M. Lukoff, Manager and Promoter.

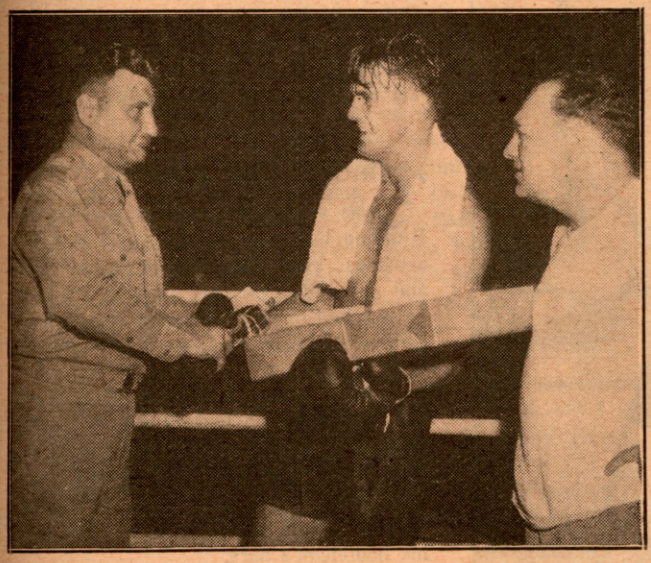
NINE CHAMPIONS *are* CROWNED *in* HAWAII

Brig. Gen. Wayne Smith Presents Special Trophies to Winners and Runners-Up in Central Pacific Base Command

By MAJOR K. S. VANDERGRIFT

Special to THE RING *by Clipper*

BEFORE 13,000 service fans who gathered in the famed Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, boxing bowl, the nine champions of the Central Pacific Base Command were presented their crown jewels by CPBC chief of staff, Brig. General Wayne Smith, who represented the commander of the Central Pacific Base Command, Major General Henry T. Burgin. General Smith also presented runners-up awards to the nine losers and the first and second place team championship trophies. The nine CPBC boxing champions for 1945 are:



Bill Simmons of the Hawaiian Separate Artillery Command, winner of the junior welterweight crown receiving his award from Brig. Gen. Wayne Smith, representing his commander, Major General Henry T. Burgin. THE RING *correspondent for pro boxing in Hawaii, AAFPOA trainer, Mack Sherman, looks on.*

NOBUO HIGA, Construction Service, Bantamweight.
HIDEO TENGAN, Construction Service, Featherweight.
LARRY ESTRELLA, Construction Service, Junior lightweight.
JACK SHIRO, Construction Service, Lightweight.
WILLIAM SIMMONS, HSAC, Junior welterweight.
ALBERT SILVA, Maui District, Welterweight.
PHILIP SILVA, Hawaii District, Middleweight.
JAMES MILLER, AAFPOA, Light-heavyweight.
MOE PERALTO, Combat Training Command, Heavyweight.

The Engineer Construction Service won the CPBC team diadem with 70 points being backboned by the popular American-Japanese Chowhound team which also copped the team title of Schofield Barracks during a 16-week tournament. Second place went to the Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area with 48 points while The Army Port & Service Command trailed with 42 points. Other teams trailed as follows: Combat Training Command 23, Maui District 22, Hawaiian Separate Artillery Command 18, Hawaii District 18, Replacement Training Command 15, Ordnance Service 15, Quartermaster Service 15, and Kauai District 13.

The title winning Construction Service stable from the Corps of Engineers copped four individual titles winning them in a row on the final card.

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ON the championship nine-bout card which climaxed a three-card tournament held in the big Schofield Barracks Bowl before more than 30,000 fans, Nobuo Higa of Honolulu decisioned Eddie Reyes of the Kauai District. The fight was so close that Reyes was awarded the special trophy for being the outstanding loser.

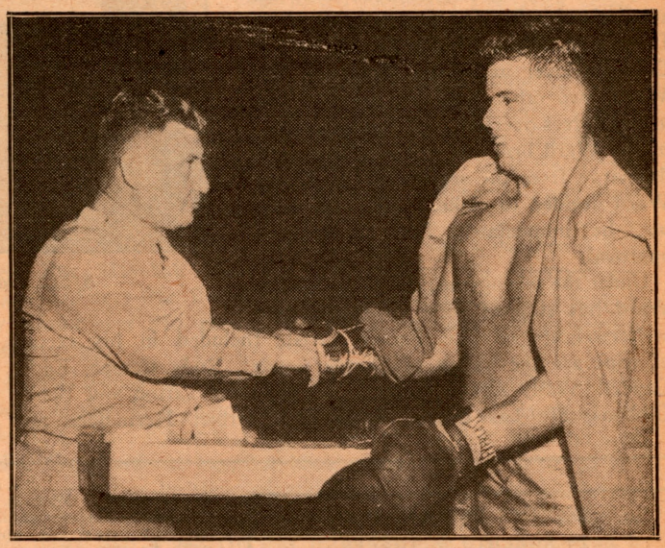
In the featherweight title bout Schofield Barracks Post champion Hideo Tengan got up off the floor to stop Leo Chung in the first. A terrific right to the button turned the trick.

Junior lightweight Larry Estrella planted Domingo Aquias in the second round winning on a clean kayo.

Jack Shiro copped the lightweight diadem by beating Fred Domeico of AAFPOA in a slashing fight that saw the A-J boy the aggressor.

HSAC fighter William Simmons scored the biggest upset of the tourney when he took Schofield Post champion Lino Pacheco in the junior welter mix. The underdog dropped Lino for nine in the first, and then followed with knockdowns of nine, eight and nine in the second. Lino was hurt bad when he went down the final time and was unable to answer the third round bell losing on a technical kayo.

Albert Silva of the Maui Island District upset Al Garcia of AAFPOA, the only defending champion, by winning a very slim decision in a terrific battle. The fight was so close that only a no-count knockdown in the final canto gave Silva the nod and the welterweight crown. The bout was voted the best on the card and both fighters got extra awards. *(Continued on page 35)*



Moe Peralto of the Combat Training Command, heavyweight title winner, receiving his trophy from Brig. Gen. Smith.

A Fighting Family

Staff Sgt. Davey Ward, One of Four Brothers in Armed Forces, Good Pro Welter Prospect

By SGT. CHARLES LESEMANN

FAME and wealth in the prize ring are the objectives of Staff Sgt. Davey Ward, who hopes to make a bid for top honors in the welterweight division. Sgt. Ward, who has been stationed with an infantry unit at Camp Rucker, Ala., is a hard-hitting 147-pounder whose aspiration of winning the welterweight crown is worthy of note. Davey is 24 years old. He is five feet ten inches in height, as the tape measure sizes him up with his shoes off. That Davey is a good walloper, he has already demonstrated. Those who query about his punching prowess can find the answer in his record of 21 knockouts scored in his last 37 fights.

Ward has been boxing as a professional since he was 16 years of age. His home is in Tacoma, Wash., where his manager, Jack Connor, first spotted him as a budding prospect ten years ago. Jack discovered him at the Tacoma Northwest Athletic Club when Davey was brought to the gym by his father to learn how to box. The Northwest Athletic Club was a mecca for all the prominent fighters who appeared in Tacoma. Freddie Steele was one of the top-rungers who worked out regularly at the N.A.C. gym, and Ward always gave rapt attention to the champion's training routine.

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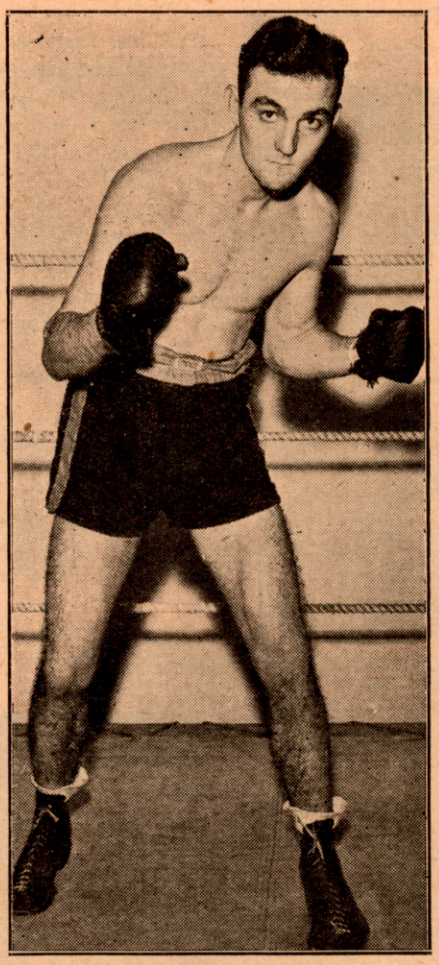
DAVEY'S father, who had been an oldtime fighter, believed that his sons should be fighters too. One of Davey's brothers, Bryan Ward, was a Golden Glover in Seattle. Tom and Pat Ward, two other brothers, are with the armed forces overseas, and James, another of the Ward brothers, received a medical discharge from the service. When Davey Ward decided to make a career of boxing, he immediately had his father's approval.

Under the management of Jack Connor, Ward has stopped some of the leading welterweights on the Pacific Coast. Included in his record of wins are the names of Santos Gaudes, Rudy Campo, Eddie Caudell, Wally Adams, Johnny Taylor, Dave Lifton and Bobby Gibbons. He has boxed draws with Urban Hernandez and Glen Strong, and he has been defeated only once. Lige Drew, Negro contender from the East, stopped him in four rounds at Portland, Ore.

Ward has not made any ring appearances outside of the states of Washington, Oregon, California and Colorado, but Manager Jack Connor, who has travelled around the country with such fighters as Steele, Jock McComber and Fred Lenhart, promises that Davey will be seen in the East. After the war ends, Jack plans to take him wherever he can get good fights for him. Davey's big ambition, like that of any young fighter graduating from the small clubs, is to box in Madison Square Garden.



S/Sgt. Davey Ward

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PRIOR to entering the Army, Ward was a shipyard worker in Tacoma. Building boats for Uncle Sam's invasion armadas, kept him steadily on his job, and therefore, for the three years that he worked in the shipyard, he had to confine his fistic endeavors to a nearby vicinity.

After donning his uniform, Sgt. Ward was sent to Camp Hale, Colo., where he became boxing instructor for the U. S. Army ski troopers. Bob Pastor was stationed at the same camp before he entered officer candidate school to earn his lieutenant's bars.

Sgt. Ward is a mixture of Scotch-Irish, with the Celt predominant in his traits and features. He's lithe and lean, and he moves fast, punching with lightning speed. Connor compares him with the best welterweights he has observed during recent years.

Back at his home in Tacoma, Sgt. Ward's wife and their 16-months-old son are keeping the fires burning until the fighting sergeant returns. Ward is looking forward to a big day in his life when he'll be able to return home with the world's welterweight championship. And his wife, the former Ruth Canale, who was a champion herself as Tacoma's stellar lady golfer, will be waiting with Davey's son to see how a boxing crown fits daddy's head. Mrs. Ward is certain her hubby will some day be a champion.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By ROBERTO A. TORRES

AT the National Olympic Stadium, Simon Vergara, 120½, Panama's latest fistic sensation, scored his tenth straight knockout when he stopped Francois Gonzalez, 118¾, of San Jose, Costa Rica, in the sixth round of a ten-rounder before a large crowd. Gonzalez, who was never knocked out previously, displayed wonderful boxing skill for the first three rounds, but from the fourth on, Vergara's steady punching around the midsection began to take its toll. Gonzalez went down in the fifth for a five- and six-count. His seconds worked over him during the rest period but when he came out for the sixth he was an easy target for Vergara, who floored him after one minute and two seconds.

Colombia Kid, 135¼, drew in six heats against Ernesto Reid, 143. Speedy Lasso, 110½, decisioned Jose Lornt, 113, in four rounds.

At the National Gymnasium, Gerardo Bedford, 114, had an easy time whipping Kid Bony, 110, of Colombia, in ten rounds. Bony, who had a long layoff, appeared slow and lacked punching power behind his wild swings. Cesar Leal, 114, of Panama, knocked out Martin Olivardia, 115, in two rounds. Kid Camargo, 116, put up a grand fight but Gregorio Perez, 118, was too much for him. Both boys gave all they had and after ten heats the decision was unanimous. Perez was awarded the decision.

At the Tropical Club, City of Colon, Calcagno Second, 135, of Panama, won a clear-cut ten-round decision over Baby Al Brown, 136, of Kingston, Jamaica, before a packed house. Calcagno, who had defeated Brown previously, won hands down. He floored Brown in the first for a seven-count and beat him to the punch all the way. Carlo Smith, 145, decisioned Ernesto Reid, 145, of Panama, in six rounds.

Crown UK Base Champs

By PFC. MARK FANNON

IT took 4 days of battling to bring out the 8 UK Base champions in the finals, which were held at the Royal Albert Hall, London, before 3,000 fans. Due to the large number of entries—172—one more day was required to bring out the finalist than had previously been planned. Three days of boxing at Rainbow Corner was enjoyed before they stepped in the Albert Hall ring.

For clean, hard fighting, with plenty of thrills, it was the best show, both as to the quality of boxers and close matching, seen since last year's Eighth Air Force finals. The caliber of these champions was of the best and they are a tough lot for any similar group to beat.

Herbie Williams, Ray Wyzykiewicz and Willie Wright stood out as real champs. For the first time Ray was able to prove his ability among the feathers; Williams left no doubt as to being the better man against Marquez at the lightweight limit; Wright left no doubt as to his superiority in his class.

Only one 8th Air Force champ entered the tourney. The others were not taking any chances of getting injured before going to Paris to participate in the USSTAF championships.

UK BASE (United Kingdom) Champions are:

Bantamweight—Pfc. Howard Moreno, Santa Barbara, Cal.
Featherweight—Sgt. Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo, N. Y.
Lightweight—Pfc. Herbie Williams, New Orleans, La.
Junior Welterweight—S 1/c Lee Walker, Baltimore, Md.
Senior Welterweight—T/5 William Wright, Youngstown, Ohio.
Middleweight—S 1/c Roy Chambers, Cambridge, Mass.
Light-heavyweight—Sgt. Aaron Kahn, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Heavyweight—Cpl. Leo Matriciani, Baltimore, Md.

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HOWIE MORENO came into his own in the class where he belongs, by beating Cpl. Esadore "Babe" La Butta, Uniontown, Pa., for the third straight time.

Down fine and boxing smartly, "Porky" started slow and came ahead strong in the second and third heats to take the veteran. La Butta, always dangerous, had an infected finger but put up a game show regardless.

In the semi-finals, "Porky" stopped rangy Pfc. Tom Dean, Chattanooga, Tenn., in the third. Outboxed in the first, Moreno got in close in the second, then in the third knocked down the skinny kid twice before the referee stopped the encounter.

La Butta took a hard fought decision over the Navy entrant Thomas Black, GM 3/c, 118, of Detroit. Black tried hard, but the Babe was too smart for him.

Ray "The Whiz" Wyzykiewicz, came from behind to beat Pvt. Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Cal., feather, recently crowned 8th Air Force champ. It was a swell scrap with every moment exciting.

Padilla started well in the first, outboxing Ray at long range, but the "Whiz" was always ready, always in position to take advantage. Vince's shifting stance didn't faze Ray who stalked his foe and watched every move. Whenever Padilla made a slip, Ray was there punching to a vital spot.

In the second, Ray began to get in close and weakened the game Californian with stiff jolts to the body, mostly lefts. Ray kept this up in the third and for once it was Vince who wound up the slower. Padilla fought as hard as he could and he shouldn't feel bad about losing to the "Whiz" who is a tough, smart, hard-hitting feather.

Ray eliminated Cpl. Sal Guajardo, Detroit, in a hard-fought, two-fisted duel, and stopped Robert Burns, HA 1/c Milwaukee, in the first frame, prior to meeting Padilla.

Vince had won a close decision over Pvt. William Smith, a veteran from Youngstown, Ohio, and beat Thomas Nicholas, S 1/c of Montclair, N. J., in warming up for the title match.

HERBIE WILLIAMS, Negro favorite, scored 3 knockouts in taking the lightweight title. In stopping T/5 Wyman Barrineau, Georgetown, S. C., in one heat and Clyde Hiner, OM 2/c, of Lansing, Mich., in 2, Herbie was punching hard but didn't seem to have the pep. But in chilling his old rival Cpl. Trinidad Marquez with a short right to the jaw, he was all class.

Marquez came out with his customary speed and started jabbing but Herbie wasn't there this time. He weaved away from those lefts, feinting and throwing a few straight lefts to "Pancho's" body, forcing him to give ground. Chasing Marquez against the ropes, Herbie sucked in the Texan with lefts, then countered with a short right to the jaw which dropped "Pancho" in his tracks. Marquez tried to arise but didn't have the strength. Herbie wasn't hit a solid blow during the 30 seconds it lasted.

Marquez, of El Paso, Texas, looked good as he stopped Pvt. Salvatore Yannuzzi, Batavia, N. Y., in the 1st, and halted Vincent Holland, SM 1/c, of Cleveland, in the second.

Lee Walker, S 2/c, Negro from Baltimore, took the decision over hard-fighting Sgt. Al Deakin, Providence, R. I., in three rounds, to win the first title for the Navy. Tall, powerful and a terrific hitter, Walker was stronger at the end but didn't seem to be piling up enough points to annex the victory. Al crowded the tall Negro, knowing he couldn't do anything at long range and continually punched with both hands, even though most punches were ineffective. Now and then Lee would straighten up the weaving, ducking Deakin with jarring blows, but Al was always crowding.

Walker looked impressive in the trials by destroying T/5 Lynwood Lee in 2, and Sgt. Ray Wright, Kaysville, Utah, in the first.

Deakin had beaten the best looking lad in the class, Andrew Wallace, SM 1/c, of St. Louis, Mo., Negro, in an upset, and before that had stopped Cpl. George De Forrest, Salt Lake City, in the opening frame.

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"WEE WILLIE" WRIGHT, fast punching Negro of Youngstown, Ohio, waded through the opposition in impressive style to win recognition in army circles in the Isles. His opponent in the finals was tough, experienced southpaw, Pvt. Nick Guagliardo, of New Orleans, who looked dangerous in his other bouts. Nick was handicapped in having to fight in the Senior Welters as he was only a pound over the Junior Welter limit.

Nick's powerful left and right hooks were ineffective against "Wee Willie", also a southpaw. Wright was hitting straight and fast when in close, jabbing fast at long range. Nick was pretty tired at the bell after being outboxed, outpunched and outsmarted by a worthy champ.

Wright's contribution prior to the finals, was a one round KO over Pvt. Marshall Jennings, Williamsburg, Pa., another one frame KO over Pfc. Robert Smith, Marshall, Texas, and a victory by default over Pfc. Hewitt Tippens, Brunswick, Ga., a returned infantry lad.

In the semi-final, Nick knocked out Sgt. Vigil Doerr, Great Falls, Mont., in a match which had the fans all steamed up. Doerr, a smart boxer was boxing well in the first when he kept killer Guagliardo at bay, but Nick's heavy hitting began to tell in the second as he crowded and forced Doerr back with every blow. A left hand grenade exploded on Doerr's jaw, dropping him dazed and weak. He was really through and he proved it when he got up.

Nick sprang to the kill and savagely battered the Montana lad to the canvas. Cpl. Bennie Marino, New York City, wisely stopped the fray when he started to count and saw Doerr fold up at the count of two. When Doerr got up weak, he protested and wanted to continue, which the crowd also *(Continued on page 35)*

THE CROWD-PLEASERS

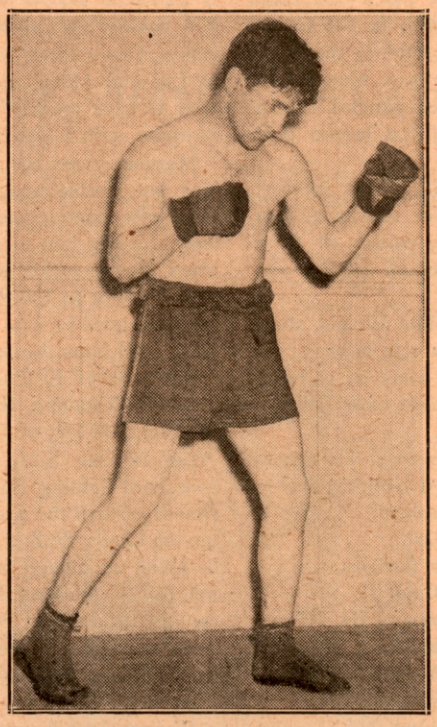
By EDDIE MERRILL

PAT DEMERS

PAT DEMERS, Brockton, Mass., schoolboy, stunned New Yorkers by turning in a decisive victory over Danny Bartfield at the Paterson, N. J., Armory. The victory was a big upset. Demers completed two years in pro rings last May, with the Bartfield win climaxing all previous efforts in the squared circle.

As a youngster of 17, Demers battled former Featherweight Champ Jackie Callura of Hamilton, Ontario, at New Bedford, Mass. To the surprise of the fistic faithful, Pat went out and handed Mr. Callura a thorough going-over.

That fight was the beginning of an eventful campaign for Demers. He continued to fight and beat the average run of scrappers found at small clubs, but did drop a fight here and there when he started meeting classier opposition. Many of the defeats were erased in return matches simply because Demers showed a marked improvement with every fight. After Johnny Cool defeated New England lightweight king, Benny Singleton, Demers fought Cool and beat him. He defeated the veteran Pat (Pinkey) Foley in a Boston Garden headliner, and he also holds three victories over Jerry Zullo, the battler who kayoed Gus Mell.



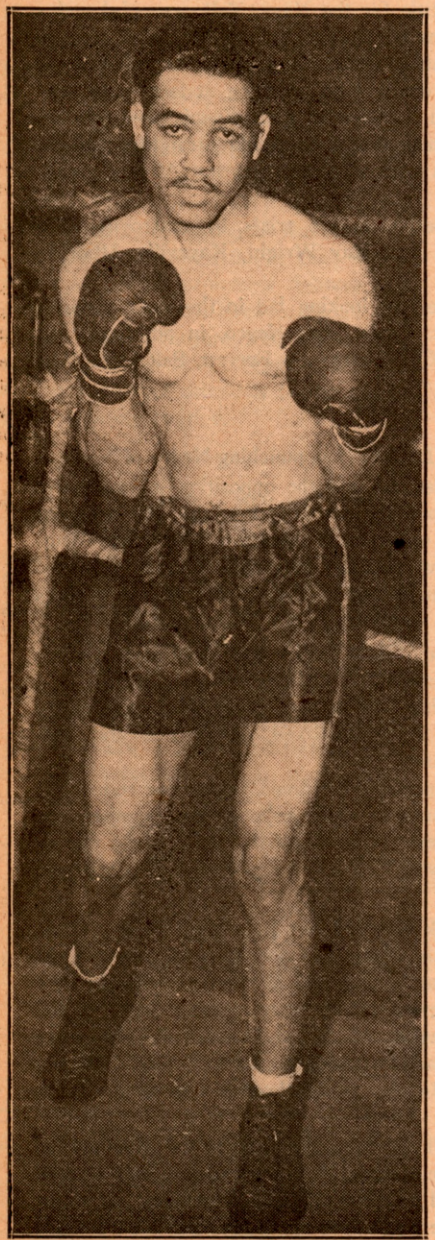
Pat Demers, Brockton, Mass., lightweight.

Demers' ring prestige took quite a jump when Uncle Mike Jacobs matched him with Bobby Smith of Philadelphia for the semi-final to the Billy Arnold-Fritzie Zivic card at the New York Garden. It was Pat's first showing in the Big Time and he battled Smith to a draw.

Pat was then signed to oppose Humberto Zavalla, rugged Mexican, at St. Nick's, and after ten rugged rounds, the officials voted a split verdict for Zavalla. One judge gave Demers six rounds, three to Zavalla and one even, while the referee scored it five for Zavalla, four for Demers and called one even. But this fight proved conclusively that Demers could fight standout fighters and take care of himself.

Because Zavalla and Bartfield had staged a good fight as a Garden headliner, and also because Demers and Zavalla was an even-up battle, Matchmaker Sam Bozza signed a Demers-Bartfield headliner for the Paterson, N. J., Armory, with Demers turning in the fistic upset by winning the duke. He floored Bartfield in the ninth round.

A fortnight later, in Boston, Pat added Steve Kronis to his victims, winning in ten rounds. Pat is 19 years old.



Dave Clark, Cincinnati middleweight.

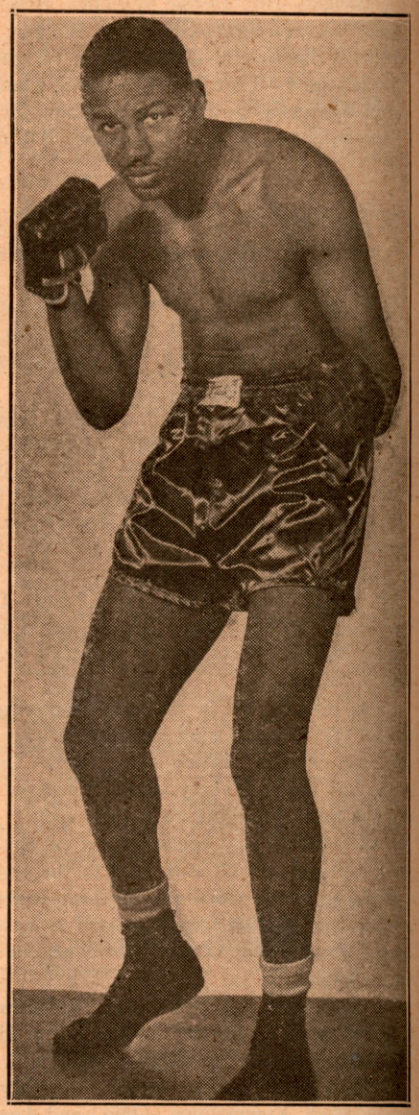
DANNY WILLIAMS

LATEST title threat in the welterweight ranks is Danny Williams, sharp-punching 147-pounder from Albany, N. Y. Williams recently received an army medical discharge after seeing service in Guadalcanal and the New Hebrides. Since his return to the ring he has won three contests in a row, two by knockouts at Indianapolis. His kayo victims were Jack Durham and Don Callahan. He decisioned hard-punching Gene Gudgill in ten rounds for his other win in the Hoosier capital.

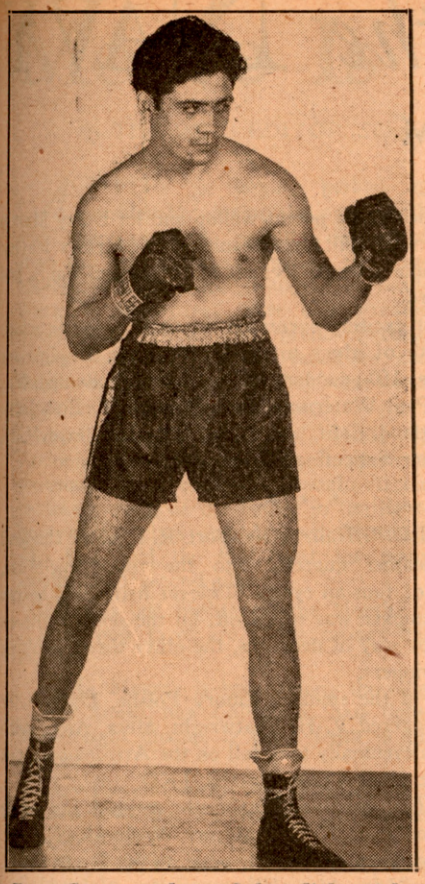
Before entering the army two years ago, Williams, now 24, had won twenty-five of twenty-seven bouts. Some of the belters he defeated are George (Red) Doty, Young Kid McCoy, Stanley Miller, Freddy Flores and Tommy Spiegel.

He has knocked out Oscar Suggs, Norman Hurdman, Mel Hawkins, Lee Mazzilli and Pete Bayrun.

Williams is managed by Sol Nuland and his trainer is Gene Jackson.



Danny Williams, Albany's threat to welterweights.



Rene Cantero, classy Cuban lightweight.

RENE CANTERO

RENE CANTERO, classy young lightweight of Cuba, is living up to all the nice things Havana boxing writers said about him when he left his home town to do battle with the best men of his weight in this country.

Cantero is 23 years old, and has defeated the best 135-pounders in Cuba, and he is ready and anxious to meet the best men of his weight here. Rene has a pleasing style of throwing punches, similar to that of Jack Kid Berg's, during the latter's heyday.

The colorful Cuban fighter is under the management of Bobby North.

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DAVE CLARK

SINCE Eddy Johnson hied himself off to Chicago some months ago with Sugar Costner, Cincinnati practically has been without a fight manager. But today Abe Skurow, youthful Queen City sportsman and businessman, who has come up with some pretty good glove artists, has taken Eddy's place.

Outstanding in Abe's stable is Dave Clark, young Negro middleweight, who shows promise. He has been fighting around Indianapolis, Dayton and Cincinnati.

At this writing Clark has had seven bouts, of which he won five.

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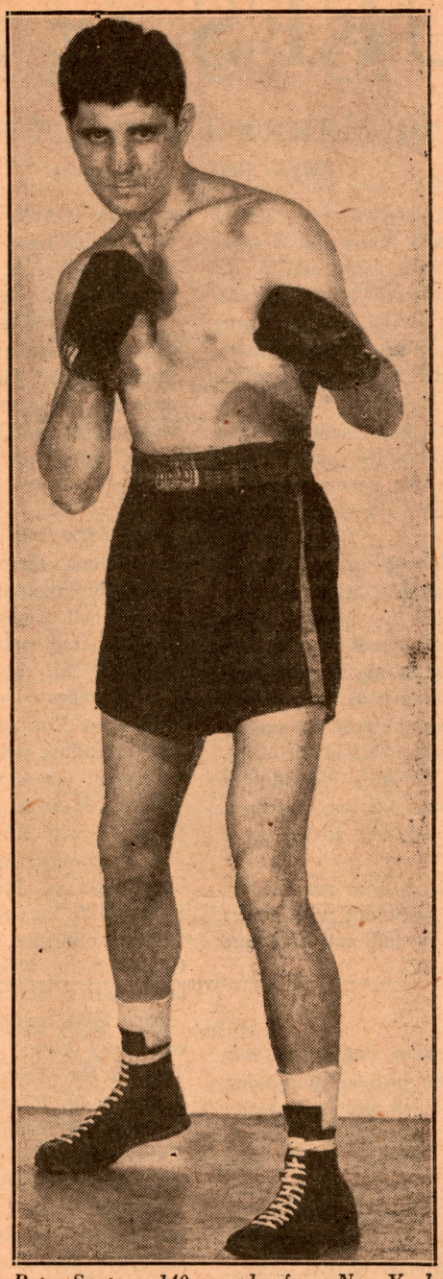
ART ARAGON

ONE of the most promising youngsters performing in California rings at this time is Art Aragon, formerly of Albuquerque, N. M., but now a resident of Los Angeles. Aragon, a baby-faced, white-skinned Mexican kid, arrived in Los Angeles about eighteen months ago and took up amateur boxing. The boy was fortunate in becoming



Patsy Spataro, 140-pounder from New York City, a good crowd pleaser.

associated with Lee Boren, a very capable and conscientious handler of amateur boxers. In a few weeks' time, Aragon, like all other Boren proteges, was a well-schooled pupil. Since turning pro he has won thirteen of his fifteen bouts, scoring kayoes in nine of them. His two losses were both to Bert White, Negro, of Chicago.

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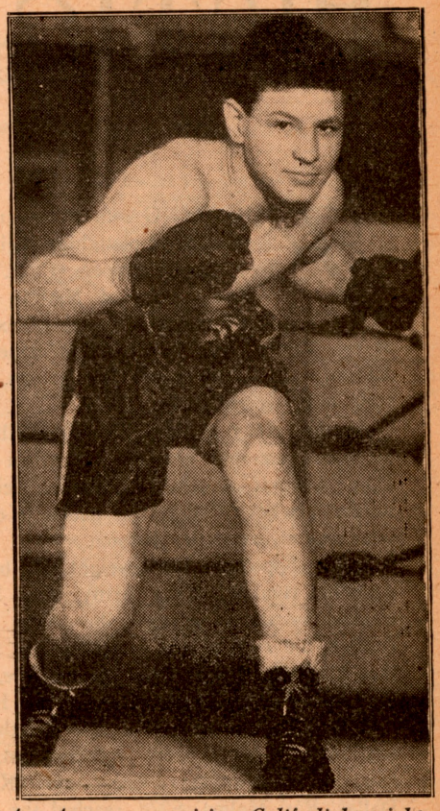
PATSY SPATARO

PATSY SPATARO, 25-year-old colorful Bronx lightweight, who has been boxing professionally for four years, is well liked by the boxing fans for his fine fights. But it is only in the last year that Spataro has risen to the heights. Fans first started to take notice of Spataro when he was matched with Tippy Larkin in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Spataro had Larkin down for a count in one of the best fights of the year, and Larkin was declared the winner, although he will long remember Spataro for one of the closest calls of his career.

Spataro was then matched with Chalky

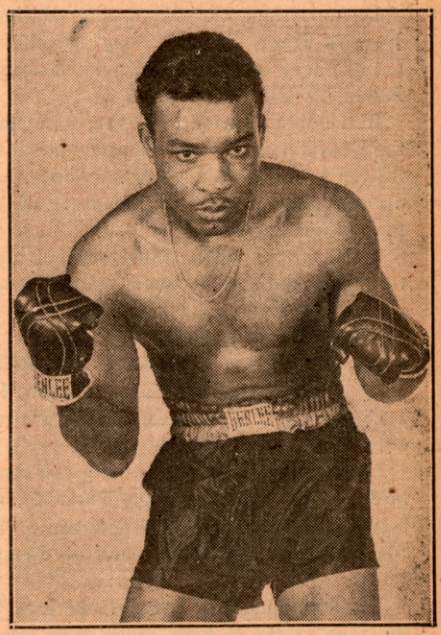


Art Aragon, promising Calif. lightweight.

Wright and an accident in the second round of that fight, when Wright and Spataro bumped heads, caused Spataro to be out of action for six months. He required 20 stitches in the injury.

He resumed action and won nine fights in a row. Then he traveled to New Orleans to box the highly touted and undefeated Bernard Docusen. The fight resulted in a draw, but the fans seemed to think that Spataro deserved the decision. What may well turn out to be the biggest attraction in New Orleans, will be their return bout in the same city soon.

Spataro is managed by Jack Barrett and Bernie Bernstein.



John Thomas, Florida heavyweight, whose sensational bouts with Billy Grant in Madison Square Garden and the St. Nick Club of New York have made him a favorite with Metropolitan fans.

FISTICUFFS *in the* NAVY

By HARRY DWYER, CSM

Navy's RING *Correspondent*

FIGHTING with all the grim tenacity of a squad of doughboys ploughing their way into a Japrat cave, two Navy scrappers, C. E. Smith, S2/c, and W. C. Wilson, S1/c, of NATB, Corpus Christie, Texas, two-fisted their way into Texas A.A.U. boxing crowns at the Texas State A.A.U. Tournament, held at San Antone. Wilson, taking the lightweight crown, and Smith winning the state heavyweight diadem.

Another Navy scrapper, Wallace Willard, S2/c, captain of the air squad, ran into a brick wall when he crossed punches with Hank Bennett of SAACC. Despite being the possessor of the harder punches, Wallace was unable to outstep the faster Bennett who was awarded the decision.

Smith copped the heavyweight title by taking an easy victory over his rival from the Army, Fred Kachinki, who was outclassed by the slugging sailor right from the start. Wilson entered the ring as the underdog but soon proved to the fans that his bark was as tough as his bite, by taking the initiative over Don Freye, Houston slugger, and holding it to the last bell.

Other Navy scrappers who shared in the spotlight of the tournament were E. G. Gaston, featherweight, who reached the semi-finals before dropping a one-round TKO to Alex Gonzales of Dallas. Ray Molina, S2/c, reached the semi-finals by copping a decision over Byron Dean of Randolph Field, only to lose by a TKO to Izzi Moreno in the finals.

Ed O'Hara, S2/c, and John McShane, S1/c, also reached the semi-finals of the middleweight class, but went out with colors flying in the finals, O'Hara losing to Hank Strand, and McShane dropping the duke to John Komlo of SAACC.

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JACK CARR, former Golden Glove champion, slugged his way to a win over Vincent Gonzales, in the bi-monthly boxing show held at Camp Peary. It was Carr's third win in as many starts.

Other results on the card were: George Turner, Co 29, won over Billy Buttram, Co 51; George Cimei, Co 39, took the palm over Billy Buarte, Co 405; Bill Ingram, Co 39, was decisioned by Alberton Armal, Co 405; Rosano Montesanto, Co 39, drew with Howard Kiser, Co 29; Tony Spinalli, flattened Octivis Lopez, Co 405, in 42 seconds, and David Garibay, Co 62, won over Moris Belelo, Co 31.

In the initial inter-area boxing tournament held at Camp Peary, the Disciplinary Barracks mustered their fighting courage, stacking it against the Retraining Area's "cream of the crop," and walked off with four out of seven bouts to win the slugfest honors for the smoker.

In the curtain raiser, Bill Korniotes, Springfield, Mass., tipping the Fairbanks at 128 pounds, ripped across a scorcher that flattened Nick Faber, 125 pounds, Detroit, Mich., who carried the colors of the D stable.

Johnny Green, 140 pounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., was not as green as his name, but when he saw the green light, it was curtains for Dick Kirendoll, Kansas City, Kan., who was knocked flatter than a policeman's beat to add more laurels to the D stable.

The third kayo of the card for the slugging D scrappers came in the final event when Ernie Durando, middleweight, crashed his best Sunday punch into the defenses of Hank Horne, Pensacola, Fla., releasing him to the land of dreams early in the opening round.

The fifth and sixth bouts on the card were heart warmers for the fans of the E-Area, when their scrappers turned the tables on the Disciplinary sluggers and won both contests. Johnnie Carr, Brockton, Mass., carrying 165 pounds, took a close one over Nick Barone of Syracuse, N. Y. Freddie Rush, another middleweight from the E-Area, uncorked a potent wallop and let Dicky Martin of D stable have it with full force resulting in Martin's leaving via the horizontal route after 35 seconds of the second stanza had gone into the discard.

In one of the most exciting events on the fistic program which added another wreath of glory to the score of the Disciplinary stable, Charlie Toler, 150-pounder, hailing from Richmond, Va., took the nod over Paul Waterman, Syracuse, N. Y. Bud Jolly, welterweight of Oakland, Calif., and Elmer Thomas, Jersey City, N. J., wound up their fisticuff affair in a draw decision.

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AT the Area III Drill Hall, at Newport, R. I., sailor sluggers took their leather quarrels into the roped enclosure, giving the hundreds of fans an eyeful of clever fisticuffing before the last bell of the smoker was tolled off. Of the seven bouts on the card, four went by way of decisions, the other three resulting in TKO's for the winners.

In the elite event of the smoker, Emory Polsha, 159-pounder from New York, staggered V. H. Boatwright, Mesa, Ariz., with bolting wallops which eventually took toll on the Arizona scrapper who went out in the second heat via the TKO.

A. S. Hysong, 116 pounds, of Pittsburgh, stepped out quite freely to win the nod over K. W. Meyer, Weehawk, N. J.

A first round knockdown proved an asset to K. R. Dunham, lightweight of New Hampshire, who won the decision over R. B. Hill, Los Angeles.

R. K. Spittler, 150 pounds, Altadena, Calif., clashed with Charlie Sellie, Newcastle, Pa., and put up a good scrap until the latter part of the fiasco when Seille took the event by a TKO.

Luie Hidl, South Bend, Ind., was right up to snuff in his setto with Kay Corey, 150-pounder of Utica, N. Y., and scored a TKO in the second frame.

Adding his third victim in as many bouts, Vic Cullen, scrappy middleweight from Muskogee, Okla., took the measure of Mike Makris, Bayonne, N. J., in a bout that was a crowd pleaser from start to finish.

Norman Nesses, light-heavyweight of Brooklyn, N. Y., pulled a real Brooklyn finish when he clouted the offerings of W. D. Hartwell, Memphis, Tenn., and piled up a unanimous decision.

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WITH approximately one month of hard fighting left behind them, recruit boxers in the intramural tourney held at the San Diego, Calif., Naval Training Center, put on their best display of the national art of duck and swing before a packed house at the Athletic Arena, and when the last bell reverberated into the ozone, the spectators left in a smiling mood after having witnessed one of the sluggingest cards of the year.

In the featherweight scrap, Bill Burgess from the Lone State, proved a nemesis to Raynold Garcia, Co 100, from Los Angeles, who put up a game but losing leather battle against the ringwise and potent walloping Texas lad.

James Teeter, 125-pounder, hailing from Texas, renewed the Texas-California feud with Sibero Garcia, and started at the opening gong to amass points which the Californian entry could never pass, Tex getting the unanimous decision.

Donald Pate, Co 95, carried too much persistency for Ray Castillion, Co 94, in the opening stages of their welterweight event, only to have the cagey Ray rock him with enough staggering blows to take the event. Pate bored in continually but ran short when the points were counted and Castillion got the crown.

Starting out like the familiar tortoise and hare race, Frank Gonsalves, in the role of the tortoise, finally caught up with Donald Stover, Co. 118, and belted. *(Continued on page 35)*

Moore Is Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR. *Substituting for* SGT. MEYER ACKERMAN *now serving with Gen. Patton's Army in Germany.*

ACTIVITY in boxing perked up considerably during the past month with many veterans, recently discharged from the armed forces, making their reappearance in the roped square. The headliners, in most cases, were idle. Freddie Schott, Lee Oma, and Melio Bettina, among the heavyweights, failed to don the gloves and as a result, they went down a peg in the monthly ratings.

Lloyd Marshall's surprise defeat by Archie Moore, was the biggest upset of the month. It automatically brought Archie to the top rung of the ladder in the light-heavyweight class and dropped Marshall, who had held the high post for many months, into second place.

Moore is our Fighter of the Month.

Many new faces are in the ratings this month.

Lee Q. Murray is back among the elite.

Billy Smith, new California State light-heavyweight champ, is rated tenth in his section.

Jerry Fiorello, victor over Vic Dellicurti, jumped into the top ten in the middleweight division.

Tony Janiro, New York's fast rising lightweight, and Bernard Docusen, who has a fine record in New Orleans, take their places in the ranking ten among the lightweights and Harry Jeffra got back into the featherweight ratings.

Jackie McGouran of Ireland is our No. 6 man in the flyweight ranks.

Here are the outstanding fights of the month:

Heavyweight contests: Tami Mauriello knocked out Steve Dudas, 1. Tiger Jack Fox knocked out Al Ware, 9. Ware was stopped by Bobby Zander, 2. Zander knocked out Jackie Burke, 7. Arturo Godoy knocked out Buddy Walker, 5. John Thomas knocked out Vincent Pimpinella, 5: Joe Baksi knocked out Dixie Oliver, 7. Larry Lane outpointed Gunnar Barlund, 10, and lost to Elmer (Violent) Ray, 10. Jimmy Bivins knocked out Buddy Scott, 4.

Lee Q. Murray knocked out Clayton Worlds, 9. Buddy Scott knocked out Bill Rhyne, 2.

Lou Nova knocked out Johnny Denson, 6, beat J. D. Turney, 10. Henry Jones outpointed Colion Chaney, 8. Chaney lost in 8 to Howard Teriske. Colon stopped Julie Diaz, 7. Yancey Henry kayoed Diaz, 1, and stopped Johnny White, 3.

Jimmy Bell outpointed Charley Crump, 10. Dan Merritt knocked out Battling Monroe, 3.

Tony Gillo knocked out Eddie Silvia, 5, outpointed Waddell Washington, 8. Georgie Parks was kayoed by Clent Conway, 1. Johnny Davis outpointed Jim Neville, 6.

Alf Brown outpointed George Preston, 8, won on foul from Manuel Abrew, 4, knocked out Jock Porter. (Abrew drew with Ernie Woodman, 8.) Louis Long knocked out Billy Duncan, 7.

Freddie Fiducia outpointed John Thomas, 8. Earle Lowman outpointed Louis Long, 6.

Frankie Urban knocked out Carl White, 2. Dave Gammage knocked out Bill Parks, 3. Gus Schlee knocked out Al Mitchell, 1. Vern Mitchell knocked out Jack Davis, 3. Howard Fenske outpointed Johnny Vorce, 8, and Colion Chaney, 10.

Johnny Allen outpointed Jimmy Gardner, 6. Charley Crump knocked out Nat Hines, 3. Jimmy Crawford outpointed Edward Chips Wynn, 4. Charlie Sklodowski knocked out Frankie Ross, 1. Charles Roth outpointed Don Morrow, 8.

Johnny Melko outpointed Waddell Washington, 6, knocked out Morris Belanger, 6 and knocked out Lee Anderson, 1. Joe Lydon knocked out Ray Cobbs, 2. Walter Thomas knocked out Buddy Moore, 6. Hank Morris outpointed Elliott Beckham, 4.

Sal Bernardino knocked out Larry Schuck, 1. Tom Attra kayoed Pancho Medrano, 5, outpointed Jack Thompson, 6. Vern Mitchell knocked out Tom Beach, 1. Bobby Thompson knocked out Jimmy Whitesh, 2. Cy Ellison knocked out Harold Thomas, 4. Jim Edwards knocked out Jimmy Dundee, 2. Joe Garahan knocked out Charlie Sklodowski, 2.

Johnny Johnston knocked out Babe Oblenis, 2. Dave Gammage and Carlton Perry drew, 2. Gammage suffered cut eye. Tony Martin outpointed Steve Ludman, 4. Bill Peterson outpointed Hank Postaway, 6, outpointed Young Mitchell, 5. Jesse James Jackson outpointed Al Timmons, 4.

Sonny Perkins outpointed K. O. Brown, 4. Henry Berntsen knocked out Joe Levy, 3. Nolan Sharp knocked out Capt. Steve Ludman, 2. Jimmy Brown outpointed Jimmy Smith, 6. Joe McGinnis outpointed Joe Lydon, 4.

Eddie Horton outpointed Ernie Poe, 6. McKinley English knocked out Luther Myers, 3, knocked out Lindy Elliott, 5.

Tony Musto knocked out Charlie Jackson, 3. Jimmy O'Hara knocked out Jack Taylor, 2. Helge Baake outpointed Mickey Fay, 4 Mede Rheaume outpointed Jack Cavanaugh, 4. (Latter's first defeat.) Whitey Jensen drew with Charlie Reed, 4, outpointed Pedro Carsonia, 4. Corp. Jim Foster knocked out Juan Hernandez, 2. Moose Kennedy knocked out Mike O'Grady, 4. Jackie O'Brien stopped Ray Cobbs, 1. Bernard McNally knocked out Joe Lydon, 2. Big Boy Baker knocked out Al Toomas, 2.

Jimmy Williams drew with McKinley English, 8. Vern Mitchell knocked out Pedro Carsonia, 3. Tony Martin beat Elliott Beckham, 4. Ted Morrison knocked out Harold Thomas, 1. John Hubbard knocked out Frankie Green, 1. O'Dell Riley knocked out Johnny Flanagan, 1. Jim Schwimmer knocked out Ray "Whizzer" White, 4. Joe Fasta knocked out Frankie Whalen, 2. Johnny Hayes knocked out Nolan Sharp, 1.

The leading light-heavyweight bouts were: Ross Strickland outpointed Coolidge Miller, 10. Archie Moore outpointed Lloyd Marshall, 10. Fitzie Fitzpatrick knocked out Buddy Thomas, 1.

Buddy Millard outpointed Rusty Payne, 10. Joe Kahut knocked out Moose Kennedy, 9. Billy Smith knocked out Watson Jones, 11; knocked out Newsboy Millich, 8. George Kochan knocked out Reedy Evans, 8. Gentle Daniel kayoed Syd Brown, 6.

Bruce Woodcock outpointed Cal Rooney, 8. Len Bennett won on disqualification from Gene Fowler, 4. Bobby Dance outpointed Bobby Berger, 8. Popeye Woods outpointed Bert Lytell, 10. Jack Chase knocked out Titus (Tyrus) Hawkins, 5.

Tee Hubert outpointed Benny McCombs, 8, knocked out Harold Reis, 7. McCombs stopped Gene Simmons, 5. Simmons beat Capt. Buddy Rose, 10. Alex Rebark outpointed Eddie Adourian, 6, lost to Eddie Adgurian, 6. Henry Jackson knocked out Young Emery, 2. Jack Porter was kayoed by Alf Brown.

Vern Escoe outpointed Jim Neville, 8, outpointed Georgie Parks, 6. Clent Conway knocked out Parks in 1. Jimmy Smith knocked out Howard Berger, 5. Harold Reis knocked out Bobby Giles, 2. Ray Acosta outpointed Allen Arnett, 4, outpointed Harry Wills, 4, beat Harry Wills, 6, outpointed Al Williams, 4. Wills lost to Allen Arnett, 4.

Nate Gibson knocked out Ray Rainey, 4. Mack (Babe) Jammage outpointed Obie Wooten, 4. Jack Porter knocked out Ira Hughes, 2. Hughes lost to Tommy Woodward, 8. Woodward outpointed Gene Simmons, 6. Hughes lost to Silent Escobar, 6. Robert Leadbetter outpointed Danny Freeman, 4.

Danny Devlin outpointed Nat Hines, 8. Hines lost to Ray Scully, 6. Jack Butler knocked out Leonard Nix, 2.

Mitchell Roberts knocked out Jimmy Holden, 3. Eddie Rossi won on disqualification from Tony Gillo, 6, knocked out Eddie Silvia, 3. Arthur "Red" Jeter drew with Joe Green, 4. Paul Roderick outpointed Jimmy (Powerhouse) Johnson, 4, outpointed Ernie Pope, 6.

Jerry Berthiaume knocked out Dave Horblitt, 4, knocked out Ray Cobbs, 2, knocked out Joe Quinn, 1. Maynard Jones knocked out Jimmy Quigley, 3. Bob Satterfield drew with Johnny Vorce, 8.

Jackie Williams knocked out North Carolina Kid, 2. Sam Shumway knocked out Frankie Urban, 1. Roland Hoppie knocked out Morris Belanger, 2.

Earl Adkinson knocked out Bill Luff, 1. Mack Parshay knocked out Joe Stepka, 6; outpointed Johnny Vorce, 6. Prentiss Hall knocked out Ira Hughes, 2. Jack Barker won disqualification from

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending June 12, 1945

Fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in the armed forces and have become inactive, have been removed until such time as they resume boxing. When those removed are again active, they will receive the recognition previously granted to them. Only active fighters, service men and civilians, will be rated monthly. In our ratings the position of champions now in the service is frozen for the duration. Inactive service men are kept in the ratings for four months before being removed until they resume boxing.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion
*Joe Louis	*Gus Lesnevich	*Tony Zale	Freddie Cochrane
U. S. Army	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Navy	
1—Joe Baksi	Archie Moore	Holman Williams	Ray Robinson
2—Tami Mauriello	Lloyd Marshall	Jake LaMotta	Fritzie Zivic
3—Jimmy Bivins	Georgie Kochan	Charley Burley	Rocky Graziano
4—Elmer Ray	Freddie Mills	Joe Carter	Harold Green
5—Melio Bettina	Nate Bolden	Jose Basora	Jimmy Bell
6—Lee Oma	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Cocoa Kid	Jimmy McDaniels
7—Johnny Flynn	Bruce Woodcock	Vince Hawkins	Ernie Roderick
8—Lee Q. Murray	Walter Woods	Bert Lytell	Arthur Danahar
9—Lou Nova	Billy Grant	Vic Dellicurti	Johnny Greco
10—Freddie Schott	Billy Smith	Jerry Fiorello	Nick Moran

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion
International Title	Willie Pep	*Manuel Ortiz	Jackie Paterson
Vacant	U. S. Army	U. S. Army	British Army
1—Bob Montgomery, U.S.A. (Recognized by N.Y.)	Sal Bartolo (N.B.A. Champion)	Benny Goldberg	Joe Curran
2—Willie Joyce	Chalky Wright	Tony Olivera	Seaman Terry Allen
3—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Phil Terranova	Mickey Colbert	Dado Marino
4—Bobby Ruffin	Enrique Bolanos	Simon Vergera	Bunty Doran
5—Danny Bartfield	Nel Tarleton	Luis Castillo	Norman Lewis
6—Ronnie James	Danny Webb	Lorenzo Safora	Jackie McGouran
7—Young Finnegan	Jackie Graves	Jim Brady	Dennis Timoney
8—Pat Demers	Maurice Lefty LaChance	Young Montana	Alec Murphy
9—Bernard Docusen	Harry Jeffra	Sammy Reynolds	Georgie Parkes
10—Tony Janiro	Chico Rosa	Jorge Robles	Billy Hazelgrove

* Indicates title frozen for duration of the war—in war service.

Jerry McGee, 4. Jackie Caparell outpointed Charlie Jones, 10. Arthur Hardy outpointed Mickey Doyle, 8. Angel Green knocked out Young Butler, 1. Johnny Ludlow outpointed Mickey Harris, 3. Amado Rodriquez outpointed Charley Dodson, 10. Ira Hughes knocked out Tommy Grohs, 4.

Nate Bolden outpointed Eddie Taylor, 10.

Eddie Rossi outpointed Tony Gillo, 10. Al Timmons beat John L. Sullivan, 4. Mack Parshay knocked out Charlie Polk, 1. Harry Wills drew with Jack Butler, 4. Erle Adkinson knocked out Jimmy O'Hara, 1. Charley Jerome outpointed Ted Newsome, 5.

Middleweight activities: Jose Basora and Sugar Ray Robinson drew, 10. Holman Williams outpointed Louis "Kid" Cocoa, 12, outpointed Joe Carter, 15, outpointed Sampson Powell, 10. Powell beat Rene Muscato, 10. Cocoa Kid beat Vinnie Jones, 10. Marvin Bryant outpointed J. C. Wilkins, 10, and lost to Ossie Harris, 8. Harris lost to Ruben Shank, 10.

Saint Paul outpointed George "Red" Doty, 10. Roman Starr beat Johnny Lawer, 6. Al Walker outpointed Ritchie Sands, 12. Speedy Cannon outpointed Rocky Luciano, 8, also in 6. Cannon lost to Jerry Pernell, 6. Tony Marr knocked out Roy Lewis, 3. Les Hardy outpointed Jack Smith, 12.

Saint Paul outpointed Wilfie Shanks, 10.

Dave Sands outpointed Max Cameron, 12. Johnny Finazzo outpointed Howard Bennett, 10. Bee Bee Washington outpointed Frankie Terry, 10. Johnny Green outpointed Bobby Lakin, 10 Lige Drew outpointed Willis Scott, 10. Rene Sanchez beat Neville "Jumpy" Edwards, 10. Jerry Fiorello outpointed Vic Dellicurti, 10. Granville Davies outpointed Jim Tipper, 8. Tuffy Reed kayoed Sam Lewis, 4. Popeye Woods outpointed Bert Lytell, 10, Lytell stopped Mayhew Smith, 4, outpointed Lige Drew, 10. Kid Tunero outpointed Hankin Barrows, 10. Marcel Cerdan kayoed Jules Despeaux, 5.

Bobby Berger knocked out Henry Jackson, 3, knocked out Joe Jackson, 2. Willard Buckless outpointed Johnny Mara, 6, knocked out Gary "Redcap" Cooper, 3. Russ Hawkes knocked out Mark Janco, 3.

Sid Jones outpointed Chuck Ross, 4. Pert Ross knocked out Henry Anderson, 4. Willie Collins and Ran Jackson (no contest, 2). Jimmy Edwards drew with Bud Singleton, 4. Bud Singleton outpointed Alonzo Williams, 4, lost to Ralph Lee, 4.

Eddie Munger knocked out Cleve Kelly (no round). Johnny Long knocked out Joe Ellington, 2. Ken McCann outpointed Eddie Wrege, 4. Fist Deaver outpointed Floyd LaVasseur, 4. George Bacca outpointed Ted Newsome, 5. Dan Gallary outpointed Mike "Red" Lucas, 6.

Georgie Miller knocked out Johnny Clark, 3. O'Neill Bell outpointed Billy Goodman, 6. Bob McCall outpointed Al Donofrio, 4. Tony Soave outpointed Jimmy Thompson, 8, knocked out Al Haley, 4. Sammy Crandall knocked out Jimmy Picollo, 1. Solly Zalcer outpointed Vic Chambers, 6.

Dave Carver outpointed Clem Fitzpatrick, 6. Jack Cavanaugh knocked out Swede Carlson, 3. Frankie Cavanna outpointed Lew Perez, 6. Ralph Dougherty outpointed Freddie Lott, 6. Andy Faison outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 6. Valencia lost in four to Billy Daniels.

Spider McCallum knocked out Kelly Jackson, 6. Joe Blackwood outpointed Billy Johnson, 8. Tony Del Gatto outpointed Ernest Barnwell, 6. Mario Ochoa knocked out Oscar Boyd, 7, drew with Joe Reddick, 10. Alex Pacifico outpointed Jimmy Whit, 4, knocked out Al Pecora, 2, knocked out Al Pecora, 3.

Spike Ryan knocked out Jerry Gritzler, 2, knocked out Enrico Caballero, 1. Freddy Sammons outpointed Pat Patucci, 8. Juan Serrano outpointed Johnny Taylor, 8, outpointed Al Jolson, 10. Jimmy Davis outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 6. Johnny Moran outpointed Frankie Wallace, 6, knocked out Johnny Mara, 3, knocked out Willard Buckless, 4. Cpl. Eddie Martin beat Julio Cerna, 10. Pelon Garcia outpointed Harry Love, 6, lost to Johnny Dabs, 6, kayoed big Wayne Armstrong, 6, lost to Grady Black, 6. Dabs also beat Grady Black, 6.

Eddie Shaw knocked out Johnny Parr, 2. Henry Anderson knocked out Pert Ross, 2, knocked out Tony Neives, 3. Billy Latka outpointed Edgar Robinson, 6. Tommy Merrill outpointed Henry McNeil, 6, outpointed Ted Turner, 6. Turner stopped Johnny Tate, 5. Tate stopped Pancho Segura, 1. Lewis Mosby knocked out Billy Jones, 1. Harold Williamson knocked out Tony Gouveia, 5. Johnny Hawkins knocked out Babe Saunders, 2. Jack Burns knocked out Chick Weston, 4.

Billy Cooper outpointed Ted Gordon, 6. Lou Daniels outpointed Bill Standering, 4. Johnny Harvey outpointed Vic Chambers, 4, outpointed Mike Cusimano, 4, outpointed Vic Chambers, 4.

Tommy Keene outpointed Joe Rossi, 6, outpointed Don Anderson, 6. Billy "Chicken" Thompson knocked out Bobby Douci, 1. Kid Lester outpointed Larry Anzalone, 6.

Ray Lindquist knocked out Ed Queener, 2. Ralph Lee outpointed Bud Singleton, 4, outpointed Goldtooth Taylor, 4, outpointed Bob Hawkins, 4. Hawkins outpointed Nate Gibson, 4. Sean Clancy drew with Paddy Lyons, 8.

Tommy Davies knocked out George Howard, 4. Vince Hawkins outpointed Glen Moody, 10, lost to Bernie Roderick, 15 (title bout).

Jimmy Hockley outpointed Eddie Lust, 6. Tommy Lopez knocked out Tommy Lee, 2. Sonny Seiderman knocked out Al Governale, 1.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight — Bobby Zandez, California.

Light-heavyweight—Ray Acosta, California.

Middleweight—Cliff Beckett, Canada.

Welterweight—Charley Early, Cleveland, O.

Lightweight — Dave Butler, Waterbury, Conn.

Featherweight — Jackie Harris, Malden, Mass.

Bantamweight — Johnny Villanueva, San Antonio, Tex.

Bob Millick knocked out Jack Hunter, 2. Vince Gigante outpointed Steve Kish, 4. Sebastian Gonzales knocked out Roy Wilson, 3. Johnny Mara outpointed Ace Wallace, 6. Jimmy Pettie outpointed Basil Mizerrah, 6.

Ray Spurlock drew with Jack Evans, 6. Chuck Taylor outpointed Aaron Lee, 6. Charlie McPherson knocked out Nelson Hawkins, 3. DoDo Woods outpointed Ross Romero, 8.

Tom Collins knocked out Ralph Deans, 3. Joe Dallo knocked out Phil Gilroy, 3. Bennie Droll knocked out Harold Thomas, 3, outpointed Arnold Deer, 6. Irish Mickey Doyle knocked out Freddie Patterson, 6, outpointed Babe Saunders, 8. "Wildcat" George Henry outpointed Jesse Moraney, 8. Jimmy Hill knocked out Pete Gifford, 2, drew with Bobby Maloney, 10. Al Robinson knocked out Guy Allen, 2.

Ted Newsome outpointed Charley Jerome, 5, outpointed Cy Ellison, 4. Edgar Robinson outpointed Joey Albino, 6, knocked out Ran Jackson, 4. Tony Bertucci knocked out Howie French, 3. Sgt. Henry Majack knocked out Jack Moore, 2. Bob Martin outpointed Jack Johnson (no round). Joe Morenajo knocked out Papacito, 7. Harry Williamson knocked out Billy O'Leary, 3.

Eddie Mahoney knocked out Chuck McKell, 3, outpointed Teddy Allen, 4. Cleve Kelly knocked out Teddy Allen, 2. Tommy Thomas knocked out Clint Campbell, 2. Al Barbosa knocked out Jerry Gray, 1. Mike DelNaro outpointed Bobby Hicks, 4.

Mac Doggie outpointed King Kong Walker, 6. Allen Faulkner knocked out Eddie McGhee, 3. Tiger Flowers knocked out Lou Petrosso, 1. Cyril Francis outpointed Morris Baptiste, 6.

Ernie Gisuti outpointed Leo Gagne (no round). Joey Haddad outpointed Charley Milan, 6. Jimmy McGriff knocked out Minnie DeMore, 6. Irving Palefsky outpointed Jim Kennedy, 6.

Paulie Peters drew with Frankie Gimble, 10, knocked out Louis Wise, 6. Jimmy Fox drew with Wilford Scott, 4. John L. Sullivan outpointed Al Williams, 4. Alonzo Williams outpointed Russ Long, 4. Oscar Boyd knocked out Benny McCombs, 8. Deacon Logan stopped Midget Mexico, 7. Buster Peaks outpointed Rudy Richardson, 8. Jose Martinez won from Dave Riley, 6.

Walter "Speedy" Duval outpointed Berlie Lanier, 10. Ralph Martin knocked out Charley Davis, 6. Alonzo Williams drew with Willie Collins, 4. Collins Brown outpointed Vecie Van. 8.

Welterweight results follow: Freddie "Red" Cochrane knocked out Pete Lello, 2, stopped Burley Jimmy Mazzio, 2, and Al Stanley in 2. Fritzie Zivic outpointed Pat Saia, 10, beat Kid Azteca, 10. Ray "Sugar" Robinson and Jose Basora drew in 10. Jimmy McDaniels kayoed Solomon Stewart, 6. Leo Romanello knocked out Vic Pignataro, 5; outpointed Frankie Velez, 6.

Sgt Jackie Wilson outpointed Al Jolson, 10. Mayon Padlo outpointed Billy Furrone, 8. Fritzie Zivic knocked out Baby Zavala, 4.

Freddie "Red" Cochrane knocked out Eddie Miller, 2.

Joe Curcio outpointed Tony Riccio, 10. Riccio outpointed Jackie Wilson, 10. Art Robinson outpointed Sammy Mammone, 10. Ruben "Cowboy" Shank outpointed Ossie Harris, 10. Vincent LaSalva outpointed Tommy Mills, 8, and lost to Phil Palmer, 8. Memo Llanes outpointed Matt Oglesby, 10. Cecil Hudson outpointed Chester Slider, 10. Freddie Archer outpointed Billy Daniels, 10; outpointed Johnny Jones, 10. Jimmy Mills outpointed Joe LaMotta, 7.

Harold Greene outpointed Frankie Terry, 10. Freddie Camuso outpointed Jackie Peters, 10. Mayon Padlo outpointed Stanley Miller, 8, outpointed Gus Robinson, 8. Don Lee outpointed Bob Ferris, 10, outpointed Peter Wheatstraw, 10, who lost also to Chino Rodriguez, 10. Rodriguez beat Billy Harrison, 10.

Kid Filipino outpointed Sparky Reynolds, 10. Pete DeRuzza stopped Ralph Zannelli, 4 (cut eye). Zannelli kayoed Eddie Saunders, 4. Laurie Peterson outpointed Jackie Daniels, 12. Clem Sands knocked out Roy Thurger, 12, knocked out Wally Edwards, 7. Jack Terence and Billy Hamilton drew, 8.

Baby Yucatan knocked out Everette Rightmire, 4. Bobby Nichols outpointed Reg Earle, 12. Cliff Beckett outpointed Charlie McPherson, 8.

George Costner outpointed Paul Lewis, 10. Sgt. Ernie Roderick outpointed Johnny Clements, 8, outpointed Vince Hawkins, 15 (new British middleweight champ).

Freddie Cabral knocked out Jerry McGee, 3, knocked out Jimmy Thompson, 2, stopped Eddie Taylor, 4. Rocky Graziano knocked out Al Davis, 4. Bobby Lakin outpointed Bobby Claus, 10.

Benny Singleton outpointed Al Freda, 10, won disqualification from George Larover, 10. Willie Russell outpointed Ruby Garcia, 8, drew with Dave Bruce, 10, outpointed Ruby Garcia, 8. Henry Jordan outpointed Art Robinson. Bennie Evans outpointed Billy Deeg.

Johnny Worthey knocked out Young Mario, 2. Bobby Burton outpointed Eddie Stravosky, 6. Billy Harrison outpointed Larry Carter, 6. Llewellyn Strohlin outpointed Johnny Ledesma, 8. Clarence Garrett outpointed Bobby (Ice Cream) Williams, 4. Steve Riggio outpointed Freddie Graham, 8.

Tony DeRosa knocked out Charley Howard, 2, outpointed Freddie Lott, 6, knocked out Kenny James, 3, outpointed Lou Valles, 4. Burl Charity knocked out Ernest Barnwell, 3, knocked out Lee Bryant, 1, knocked out Kenny James, 6, outpointed Johnny Taylor, 6. Lou Valles outpointed Al Seidman, 4, outpointed Andy Faison, 6. Willie Hutchins knocked out Lenny Glennon, 3, knocked out Tommy Latch, 1.

Neva Esparza outpointed Vic Costa, 8, outpointed Lew Hanbury, 6.

Jackie Peters knocked out Verne Patterson, 2. Lew Nelson knocked out Booker T. Washington, 1, knocked out Dick Czernick, 3. Babe Saunders outpointed Marty Doyle, 6, outpointed Eddie Simmons, 5, beat Roy Cruz, 6. Jimmy Carroll outpointed George Bacca, 4.

Buddy Samarco knocked out Benny Andy, 3. Danny Williams outpointed Gene Gudgill, 10. Ross Romero outpointed Pedro Jiminez, 10. Jimmy was stopped by Al Couture, 5. Tiger Burns drew with Bobby Russell, 4. Morris Corona knocked out Jess Humble, 2, knocked out Benny Black, 2.

Benny Black outpointed Teddy Guerrero, 4, drew with Russ Long, 4. Long lost to Elmer Lewis, 4. Lewis beat Shamus McCrea, 4. Hankins Barrows knocked out Joe Legon, 6 (Panama welter champion). Sonny Leech outpointed Phil Grill, 4. Jim Broski and Bobby Snow drew, 4. Snow knocked out Jimmy Riley, 2. Eddie Davis outpointed Edgar Poe, 4. Willie Edmunds outpointed Gene Boland, 6, outpointed Gene Boland, 6, lost to Boland, 6. Smuggy Hersey outpointed Jim Taylor, 6. Charley Parham knocked out Berry Wright, 6, knocked out Art Brown, 5. Frankie Ross outpointed Al Barbosa, 8, outpointed Johnny Duke, 6. Jimmy Sherrer kayoed Dick White, 1. Lefty Chilo kayoed Al Williams.

Gary "Redcap" Cooper outpointed Joe Celletti, 6. lost on foul to Jimmy Bruz, 6. Ray Laurie knocked out Joe Salem, 3. Pete Martin knocked out Charlie Finley, 2. Bobby Richardson knocked out Jay Paganelli, 2, outpointed Mayon Padlo, 8. Joe Rossi outpointed Frankie Daniels, 6. Mickey Gimmell outpointed Speedy Cannon, 6.

Ballesandro Carubia knocked out Deacon Cooper, 5. Vinnie Jones knocked out Charlie McPherson, 1. Al Mobley outpointed Johnny Bo Harris, 6, outpointed Morton Klein, 6. Julie Cross outpointed Lew Spurdis, 4, outpointed Tony Bertucci, 4. Jim Kennedy outpointed Pete Martin, 6.

Walter Stevens knocked out Al Bishop, 2. Leo Gagne knocked out Johnny Parr, 3. Billy Harrison knocked out Jimmy "Top Row" Allen, 5, outpointed DoDo Woods, 8. Charley Hilton knocked out Tony Dean, 1, outpointed Johnny Fees, 6.

Joe Collins knocked out Clarence Garrett, 1. Artie DiPietro outpointed Fred Bernard, 6. Robert Fowler knocked out Joey Pirrone, 1. Charley Fusari knocked out Tommy Sloan, 6, knocked out Charley Finley, 3. Paul Altman knocked out Enrique Lopez, 3. Bill Grier knocked out Pat Giordano, 1, outpointed Bill Parsons, 10.

Buddy Herron knocked out Gee Sparry, 1. Morton Klein outpointed Charlie Finley, 6, outpointed Georgie Johnson, 6. Art Brown knocked out Lynn Nelson, 1. Don Ellis outpointed William "Flattop" Cummings, 6, drew with Joe Davis, 6. Smuggy Hursey outpointed Eddie Davis, 4. Joe Parsons knocked out Sam Pittisci, 4. Tommy Trottman knocked out Dick Wright, 2. Johnny Rinaldi outpointed Tommy Gargano, 8.

Jimmy Shans outpointed Alonzo Williams, 4. Bobby Hicks outpointed Ray Laurie, 3. Joe LaSalle outpointed Eddie Burns, 6 Gil Gonzales outpointed Bill Hayman, 4. Hugh Stell knocked out Moby Beceril, 2.

Claude Dennington outpointed Bob Ramsey, 8. Jackie Hughes knocked out Jimmy Bowden, 5. Harry Lazar outpointed Harry Davis, 8, outpointed Billy Walker, 8, lost on a foul to Jimmy Vaughn, 2, and drew with Harry Davis, 8.

Johnny Pitts outpointed George Dilks, 8. Gwynn Williams outpointed Jimmy Brunt, 8. Jimmie Cook knocked out Eddie George, 4. Toby O'Brien knocked out Joe Salem, 1. Jinx Menard knocked out Jack Carroll, 2.

Art Davis knocked out Billy Marsden, 1. Billy Gleason outpointed Jack Harrigan, 4. Phil Stanley outpointed Jeff Patterson, 4. Billy Stevens knocked out Herb Cuke, 6. Steve Dapoli outpointed Jimmy McNair, 4.

Alex Doyle outpointed Joe Miller, 6. Tommy Marra outpointed Steve Bilko, 4, outpointed Julie Cross, 4. Charley O'Kelly outpointed Jimmy Pernell, 6, outpointed Mickey Gimmell, 6. Tom Spencer knocked out Isadore Minor, 3.

Frankie Gimbel drew with Paulie Peters, 10. Paul Guerrero outpointed Sam Kaelkini, 4. Nate Hutchins outpointed Bobby Ellis, 4. Red Ford outpointed Lee Abrams, 4.

Mickey Belletiere knocked out Lew Phillips, 2.

Antonio Carmona outpointed Charlie Finley, 6. Irish Eddie Dunne knocked out Joe Parsons, 2.

Charley Early outpointed Sammy Crandall, 6. Sal Richie knocked out Eddie Burns, 1. Johnnie Santo outpointed Frankie Daniels, 6. Jess Humble knocked out Mickey Hearn, 2. Harold Schwartz outpointed Patsy Zoccano, 6. Jim Carroll knocked out Marvin Woods, 2.

Guy Lucas knocked out Bob Mason, 2. Rogelio Aldazabel knocked out Alfredo Castro, 1. Salvador Castro knocked out Guajiro Salvage, 4. Young Gibbs outpointed Young Joe Louis, 6. Len Houston knocked out Young Joe Louis, 7, knocked out Al Prescod, 7. Harry Payne outpointed Nick Farley, 4. Julio Pedroso outpointed Babe Colimber, 10.

Jesus Vila outpointed Julio Pedroso, 8. Tobey O'Brien knocked out Jinx Menard, 1. Young Zivic outpointed Freddo Simmons, 4. Bobby Zollo knocked out Tony Soaves, 5. Floyd Hagan knocked out Chief Crazy Horse, 2. Art Lambert knocked out Walter Stone, 2.

Frankie Rose outpointed Johnny Duke, 8. Joe Collins knocked out Clarence Garrett, 1. Lee Walker outpointed Tony Neives, 4. Walter Brady drew with Red Keck, 5. Paul Altman kayoed Tony Reno, 5, and Enrique Lopez, 3, and Lopez drew with Joey Yarosz. Pat Patucci outpointed Ace Dundee, 6. Carlo Smith outpointed Ernesto Reid, 6. Joie Souchie outpointed Blaine Macomber, 6. Chester Roysron kayoed Joe Keyes, 2.

Robert Ellis knocked out Caesar Douglas, 1. Dolly King knocked out Lou King, 1. Luis del Angel kayoed Vincent Mazac in 5. Jim Murphy outpointed Enrico Caballero, 4. Charley Pope outpointed Eddie Kid Carson, 4. Al Seidman outpointed Nick Restano. Sparky Reynolds outpointed Tiger Kiggans, 6. Arthur Danahar won from Ronnie James, 10, knocked out Gwynn Williams, 1, knocked out Cyril Wills, 5. Tommy Armour knocked out Jack Marino, 7.

Charley Pope outpointed Lew Nelson, 6. Phil Tocco knocked out Jimmy Stewart. Art Brown knocked out Jimmy Pierce, 5. Art Lambert knocked out Harold Alle, 2. Irish Johnny Taylor knocked out Lincoln Stanley, 3.

Luther Johnson outpointed Tony Neives, 4.

Ernie Butler outpointed William Cummings, 4. Russ Hawkins outpointed Jimmy Pierce, 6. Joe LaMotta outpointed Tom Collins, 6. Tony DeRosa outpointed Chauncey Durden, 6. Bobby Berger drew with Al Barbosa, 8.

Richard Lamb knocked out Lewis Mosby, 2. Jess Humble beat Baby Boniface, 4. Benny Black drew with Willie James, 4. Don Lee beat Baby Yucatan, 10.

Lightweight contests: Willie Joyce outpointed Ike Williams (non title bout), 10. Juste Fontaine knocked out Maxie Shapiro, 7. Jack Larrimore and Billy Moore boxed to a draw, 10, knocked out Red Bryant, 7. Steve Kronis outpointed Rocco Progano, 10. Bobby Ruffin knocked out Sammy Mammone, 4. Freddie Dawson outpointed Dorsey Lay, 12. Santa Bucca outpointed Archie Wilmer, 10.

Johnny Cool outpointed Benny Singleton, 10, outpointed Francis Davis, 10. Danny Bartfield knocked out Guy Serean, 6. Pat Demers outpointed Steve Kronis, 10.

Bernard Docusen outpointed Charley "Lulu" Costantino, 8, outpointed Jimmy Hatcher, 8. Allie Stolz outpointed Frankie Leta, 8. Joey Angelo outpointed Walter "Cabey" Lewis, 10, knocked out Georgie Knox, 7.

Bob Fuller outpointed Tommy Chapman, 12. Dave Castilloux outpointed Ralph Walton, 10. Alf Taylor knocked out Jackie Ryder, 1, knocked out Johnny Kelly, 7. Mario Torres knocked out Leo Methot, 9.

Bob Ramsey outpointed Danny Webb, 8 (first defeat for Webb).

Bob Amoroso outpointed Monty Pignatore, 10. Les Fuller outpointed Les McDonald, 10. Johnny Shields outpointed Reg Tozer, 12. Bob Maloney outpointed Jackie Wilson, 12 (Australian feather).

Kid Tagg outpointed Jasper Parker, 4. Jimmy Duponte knocked out Young Bolo III, 2. Johnny Bo Harris outpointed Bobby Cummings, 6. Cummings knocked out Lew Spurdis, 2. Joey Cardido knocked out Pat Butler, 1, outpointed Steve Bilko, 4, Butler was stopped by Leo Melito, 2. Melito stopped Jimmy McNair, and outpointed Nick Primiani, 4, Pat Butler, 4.

Jackie Connelly knocked out Benny Saladino, 4, outpointed Midget Mayo, 6. Jimmy "Stumpy" Saunders outpointed Nick Primiani, 4. Primiani beat Saunders, 6, outpointed Johnny Rohrig, 6. Jorge Morelia outpointed Ralph Walton, 8. Ray Nulph outpointed Johnny Chatham, 6, outpointed Buddy Samarco, 4, drew with Chief Red Cloud.

Dave Butler knocked out Elwood Daignault, 6, knocked out Billy Artie, 2, knocked out Matty Martin, 5, knocked out Sassy Leite, 3. Shamus McCrea knocked out Pancho Ramirez, 4, outpointed Gil Gonzales, 4. Jesse Flores knocked out John Costa, 1. Jess Quintana knocked out Bobby Jackson, 2. Paul Williams outpointed Chuck Edwards, 4.

Dorsey Lay outpointed Pedro Firpo, 10. Abie Kauffman outpointed Jimmy Mills, 10. Mike Belloise knocked out Mike Gamiere. Gamiere drew with Alejandro Vega, 10. Tony Rios outpointed Gene Spencer, 12.

Wesley Mouzon knocked out Jimmy Joyce, 5. Billy Banks outpointed Sammy Thompson, 8. Leon Spencer outpointed Chuey Figueroa, 10.

Tony Janiro outpointed Johnny Williams, 8. Vic Pignataro knocked out Johnny Rinaldi, 8. Leo Methot outpointed Al Wooster, 8. Pat Scanlon outpointed Joey Manfro, 8, outpointed Solomon Stewart, 8. Ray Salas drew with Manuel Sierra, 10.

Dave Crowley outpointed Johnny Price, 8, outpointed Al Phillips, 8. Johnny Price drew with Warren Kendall, 10. Cyril Maudsley drew with George Pull, 8, outpointed Jack Crossley, 8.

Fred Bernard knocked out Pat Murray, 6, knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 3, outpointed Carl Olsen, 4. Johnny Bratton knocked out Melvin Bartholomew, 4. Nathan Bridges outpointed Sam Brown, 5.

Al Gomez knocked out Jimmy White, 2, and Emmett Grier, 2. Paul Radowick outpointed Jimmy (Powerhouse) Johnson, 4. Robert Summers knocked out Johnny Hester, 2. Bill Eddy knocked out Billy Miller, 4. Bert Forbes outpointed Joe Besque, 6.

Billy Hurd drew with Leo Johnson, 4. Johnson knocked out Walter Stanbach, 2. Hurd outpointed Juan Carrero, 6. Johnson knocked out Jimmy McNair, 4. Ernie Cabral outpointed McNair, 4. Clarence "Cotton" King outpointed Jimmy Cogman, 6, knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 1, outpointed Al Mobley, 6, knocked out Al Bishop, 2. Mike Konnors outpointed Nick Primiani, 6, outpointed Ray Puig, 6.

Tony Marino outpointed Ace Williams, 4. Talbert Anderson outpointed Jimmy Allen, 6, knocked out Willie Weasel, 3. Dick Czernick knocked out Bob Lee, 2. Vincent Mazac kayoed Paul Miller, 2, and outpointed Paul Brooks, 4. Ike Jackson kayoed Bill Miller, 2. Lindberg Miller knocked out Joe Henderson, 2. Lou Suliveres outpointed Frankie Dell, 4, outpointed Frankie Dell, 4, knocked out Johnny Hitt, 1, outpointed Marcus McCrea, 4.

Tommy Barr knocked out Bob Johnson, 2. John Chapman outpointed Buddy Samarco, 6, lost to Ray Nulph, 6. Pedro Crivello outpointed Johnny Priest, 6. Ernie Davis knocked out Eddie Moran, 2. Clyde Diamond knocked out Jose Fernandez, 2. Eddie Simmons outpointed Manolo Zurita, 8, kayoed John Chapman, 5. Berham Vitale outpointed Marcus McCrea, 4.

Steve Bellus outpointed Vic Jade, 6, knocked out Al Lee, 4. Al Frieda outpointed Bellus, 8, Bellus lost to Pat Doyle, 10, and Johnny Rohrig, 6. Doyle kayoed Al Michaud, 3, Rohrig lost to Nick Primiani, 6. Tiger Baby Flowers knocked out Lee Abrams, 4, and beat Billy Napper, 4.

Jetson Arnold knocked out Jimmy Lane, 1. Melvin Bartholomew outpointed Bill Heath, 8. Young Bolo III outpointed Bobby "Ice Cream" Williams, 4. Joe Colon outpointed Victor Sagpang, 4, outpointed Victor Sagpang, 4. Johnny Fry outpointed York Howell, 6. Billy James outpointed Sabas Jamito, 6, outpointed Yasu Yasutake, 8. Harold Miller outpointed Mario Ferrio, 4.

Vin Geddes knocked out Bill Porter. Jackie Green knocked out Teddy Argans, 2. Caswell Harris outpointed Vernon Brown, 4. Proctor Heinold outpointed Chuche Llanes, 10, outpointed Eddie Bertolino, 10, Rudy Flores kayoed Frank Thompson 2. Jimmy McIvor knocked out Jimmy Roberts, 7. K. O. Burnado outpointed Peter Acosta, 8. Alphonse Brown beat DeWitt Oliver, 4. Al Michaud knocked out Gary (Redcap) Cooper, 3.

Billy Sinclair knocked out Jimmy Hill, 1 (cut eye). Tommy Murray knocked out Stanley Tischler, 1, won disqualification from Tommy Moore, 2. Teddy Guerrero knocked out Cliff Driscoll, 2, knocked out Levi Board, 2. Al Miller outpointed Battling Rosendo, 4. Jess Quintana outpointed Bobby Seymour, 4.

Billy Biddles outpointed Dennis Chadwick, 8. Jack Carrick outpointed Dick Shields, 8. Cyril Maudsley drew with George Pull, 8. Duke Bruce outpointed Benny Revere, 4. Earl Robert outpointed Elmer Lewis, 4. Rocco Lescio knocked out Ellsworth Simley, 3, knocked out Jimmy Cogman, 3. Dick Wright outpointed Max Brander, 6. Del Cockayne knocked out Candy Kane, 3. Billy Forman knocked out Clyde Diamond, 3.

Billy Graham outpointed Joey Manfro, 6. Al Jordan knocked out Eddie Simmons, 3. Joe Nuccio outpointed Joe Kosky, 4. Tony Pellone outpointed Tommy Mills, 8. Leonard Riley knocked out Duke Bruce, 2. Eddie Reardon kayoed Bruce, 4. Fidel Rivera drew with Jorge Morelia, 8.

Billy Smith outpointed Dan Robinson, 6. Tony Vera drew with Pete Mirabella, 6. Carmine Greco knocked out Jim Carger, 1, knocked out Bill Clark, 2. Arthur Price knocked out Al Irwin, 3. Bobby Yeager knocked out Mike Delia, 7. Minnie DeMore outpointed Juan Carrero, 6. Charley Grant outpointed Tony Argo, 4. Charlie Morrison outpointed Jiggs Perryman 6. Jackie Taylor outpointed Rudy Turner, 6.

Jimmy Martin knocked out Caesar Douglas, 3. Raymond Glenn knocked out Tommy Lefevre, 3, knocked out Vic Byrd, 3. Jimmy Rizzo outpointed Fred Bernard, 6, outpointed Stanley Tischler, 4. Tiger Wills drew with A. C. Lee, 6. Cyril Francis knocked out Sonny Greenidge, 3.

Bebo Garcia knocked out Rafael Lastre, 5. Thunderbolt Joe drew with Battling Mike, 4. Young Samuels outpointed Young Agard, 4. Chris Young outpointed Young Samuels, 4. Juan Carrero outpointed Danny Ardito, 4.

Jimmy Conti outpointed Tim McCarthy, 4. Abel Lucero outpointed Joe Gorman, 6 (unbeaten this year). Eddie Salazar outpointed Sabas Jamito, 4. Jimmy Hampton outpointed Rudy Zedell, 8, beat Ray Nulph, 6. Billy Gibson drew with Vic Young, 4, knocked out Al Rodriquez, 10, knocked out Vic Young, 4. Jesse Flores knocked out Jimmy Brent, 3.

Pat Brady knocked out Rudy Rivera, 2. Calcagno II outpointed Baby Al Brown, 10. Colombia Kid drew with Ernesto Reid, 6. Bobby Ellis knocked out Jose Fernandez, 2. Sid Haber outpointed Marcel Fournier, 6.

Dick Cook outpointed Robert Beamon, 5. Young Leek outpointed Willie Green, 4. Young Pennell knocked out Speedy Green, 3. Eddie Prince knocked out Jimmy Nelson, 4. Lou Bernal outpointed Bert White, 6. Sammy Parrotta outpointed Rene Cantero, 8. Sol Victoria knocked out Stanley Tischler, 1. Jackie Connelly beat Billy Carol, 6. Chino Carvajal drew with Jimmy Vance, 4.

Allie Stolz stopped Tommy Mills, 4. Leo Melito outpointed Al Victoria, 4. Pat Scanlon outpointed Joey Angelo, 10. Bobby McIntyre outpointed Al Jordan, 8. Abel Lucero knocked out Chato Uribe. Arthur Price knocked out Del Cockayne, 1.

Norville Gaddis outpointed Ray Hanbury, 4. Eddie Simmons outpointed Lloyd Bell, 5. Bill Eddy outpointed Ruby Garcia, 8. Joey Kushner outpointed Charles "Chuck" Hall, 6. Ellsworth Simley outpointed Kid Chevalier, 4. Charley Howard knocked out Pat Butler, 1. Jess Quintana drew with Paul Guerrero, 4. Jesse Flores knocked out Tony Neives, 2.

Featherweights fared as follows: Phil Terranova outpointed Vince Dell 'Orto, 10. Enrique Bolanos outpointed Eddie Hudson, 10, knocked out Larry Bolvin, 6. Kayo Morgan outpointed Tommy Nelson, 8. Paul Febbo outpointed Johnny Wolgast, 8, outpointed Tony Cocco, 8.

Danny Webb knocked out Tommy Davies, 7, won from Ben Duffy, 10. Freddie Russo knocked out Julie Bort, 7. Charley Cabey Lewis drew with Miguel Acevedo, 10.

Eric McCreadle outpointed Danny Simmons, 12. Georgie Cooper drew with Bobby Smith, 10, and was outpointed by Jimmy McAllister, 10. Ronnie Clayton knocked out Frank Benson, 5. Cliff Morris knocked out Albert Ives, 2, and lost to Gus Foran, 10. Foran knocked out George Albrow, 5, and George Thomas, 7. Al Pennino knocked out Jimmy Saunders, 4.

Clint Miller knocked out Stanley Tischler, 4, knocked out Ray Rogers, 2, was outpointed by Jock Leslie, 8. Tommy Moore outpointed Tommy Murray, 8. Tommy McGlinchey outpointed Al Phillips, 8, won disqualification from Jimmy Stubbs, 5, Stubbs kayoed Billy Jones, 5. Billy Barton knocked out Joe Crawford, 6. Dennis Chadwick outpointed Cyril Maudsley, 8.

Billy Alexander outpointed Mickey Francis, 12. Jim Pickering outpointed Ern Hammon, 6. Jackie Graves outpointed Tony Olivera, 8. Chino Alvarez outpointed Sixto Morales, 10. Maurice "Lefty" LaChance outpointed Vince Dell 'Orto, 10.

Riyac Arquimides outpointed National Kid, 10, lost to Pedro Poey, 10. Kid Gavilan knocked out Santiago Sosa, 9. Kid Tanner knocked out Raphael Perez, 8.

Harry Jeffra knocked out Sammy Garcia, 10. Victor Flores outpointed Bobby Smith, 10, lost to Jimmy McAllister, 6. Bert Jackson outpointed Bob Bates, 10. George Pull knocked out Joe Merryweather, 3. Jackie Allen beat Jose Andreas, 6. Matias Ruiz beat Gus Berrington, 6.

Eddie Demers knocked out Ricky Silvia, 4. Billy Brent outpointed Al Rodriquez, 6. Chuey Rodriquez won from Simon Medina, 4. Ossie Peguese knocked out Bobby Crosby, 1, knocked out Lorenzo Robles, 4. Robles kayoed Al Tucker, 4. Chuck Ackworth outpointed Tops Tellano, 6. LaCaliche beat Pancho Martinez, 6, Ray Alva drew with Jose Andreas, 6.

Blond Tiger outpointed Marcel Fournier, 6, knocked out by Jackie Floyd, 1, outpointed Norman See, 8, was stopped by Jackie Floyd, 1. Fournier beat Al Lewis, 6. Tony Ferry knocked out Eddie Berry, 4, lost to Buddy Hayes, 8. Buddy Hayes knocked out Billy Murray, 3, stopped Elwood Daignault, 3.

Victor Sagpang outpointed Richard Oshiro, 4. Leslie Harris knocked out Nick Long, 3. Benny May knocked out Earl Mintz, 8. Mintz was knocked out by Eddie Compo, 1.

Marion Rhoeten outpointed Eddie Kid Carson, 5, outpointed Pedro Juarez, 6. Buddy Temple outpointed Ernest Parker, 4. Ron Cashman outpointed Eddie Skee, 3.

Freddie Gerard outpointed Billy Hogan, 3, drew with Bobby Davis, 3. George Butler knocked out Eddie Moran, 3, outpointed Rickey Montiero, 6, knocked out Chuck Ackworth, 2, lost to Al Sterling, 6, knocked out Jerry Lavigne, 1, and lost in 6 to Sammy Montani. Montani lost to Barry Wood, 4.

Donald Scanlon outpointed Billy Commodore, 4. Ram Silva outpointed Bobby Mason, 4, beat Charles Hall, 4. Reuben Heridia knocked out Mike Grimaldo. Joe Robleto knocked out Bud Christman, 8. Willie Alexander outpointed Larney Mosely, 6. Johnny Land knocked out Jimmie Black, 3. Richard Oshiro knocked out Speedy Garcia, 2, drew with Al Ganigan, 4. Frank Flannery knocked out Bill Dunlop, 4. Ted Leonard outpointed Ken Williams, 4.

Eddie Thomas knocked out Frankie Adams, 2. Chuck Edwards outpointed Paul Williams, 4. Battling Rosendo and Horace Leftwich drew, 4.

Little Giant outpointed Chuck Edwards, 4, outpointed Jess Salazar, 10. Bluey Dalton outpointed Jack Willis, 4. Frank Warren knocked out Syd Thompson, 2. Jackie Harris knocked out Dave Butler, 2, knocked out Alex Louis, 1. Leo Macucci knocked out Al Lewis, 3, knocked out Artie Vitt, 5.

Archie Devino outpointed Benny May, 6. Cleve Holt outpointed Tommy Nelson, 5. Eddie Mullen outpointed Bobby Mayo, 4. Eddie Sangster knocked

out Tony Mendez, 2. Harry Wilson outpointed Tony Robinson, 6.

Pete Bolos knocked out Ossie Peguese, 5. Pedro Calderon outpointed Nanito Kid, 6. Hector Delgado outpointed Santos Hernandes, 6. Gilberto Dominguez outpointed Gallego Alvarez, 4, outpointed Rogelio Hernandez, 6. Alvarez lost to Bartolo Medina, 4. Ned Gettens won disqualification from Young Agard (no round). Peter King outpointed Albert Pena, 6.

Alfredo Quintana outpointed Hector Delgado, 6. Gene Leblanc knocked out Billy Hardy, 3, knocked out Bushy Turner, 2. Sammy Montani outpointed Georgie Butler, 6. Butler knocked out Jerry Lavigne, 1. Barry Wood outpointed Sammy Montana, 4, knocked out Billy Hardy, 2.

Stanley Tischler outpointed Al Victoria, 4. Billy Verdon outpointed Danny Russell, 6. Ace Williams knocked out Shelly Watkins, 1, beat Jess Quintana, 4. Horace Leftwich drew with Pete Louis, 4.

Bobby Polowitzer knocked out Benny Revere, 2, knocked out Bobby Mathews, 2. Earl Trader outpointed Rocky Progano, 6. Oscar Levant knocked out Johnny Land, 1, knocked out Joe Diamond, 1. Al Faust knocked out Billy Holden, 2. Malcolm Jordan won on disqualification from Georgie Pilgrim.

Freddie Russo outpointed Vince Dell 'Orto, 8. Cleve Holt outpointed Tommy Nelson, 6. Pete Louis knocked out Chuck Edwards, 2.

Here are the bantamweight contests: Tony Olivera outpointed Chilindrina Valencia, 10, but lost in an overweight match to Jackie Graves, 8. Benny Goldberg outpointed Luis Castillo, 10. Johnny Rawlings outpointed Jackie Bonas, 8. Young Montana outpointed George Fraser, 12 (for British Guiana bantam crown). Philip LaBang outpointed Kaoru Fujiyama, 4.

Pee Wee Flores outpointed Billy Luma, 10. Johnny Villanueva kayoed Otho Slager, 6, knocked out Joe Loredo, 6, knocked out Tiger Rodriquez, 4. Rodriquez beat Otho Slager, 4.

Mickey Colbert outpointed Len Jones, 8. Joe Curran outpointed Mickey Jones, 10. Max Schindler beat Pancho Martinez, 6. Jesus Varona outpointed Pedro Ibanez, 6.

Billy Lima knocked out Jackie Blount, 3. Gregorio Perez outpointed Kid Camargo, 10. Simon Vergara knocked out Francois Gonzales, 6. Jimmy Parlin knocked out Tommy Klinges, 2, knocked out John Settles, 2. Tony Generalo outpointed Eddie Salazar, 5. Carey Mace knocked out Ray Luft, 1, drew with Clarence Talbott, 3. Vince Lauria outpointed Clinton Davidson, 4. Benny Cousins drew with Valentine Alvarado, 4, outpointed Augie Rodriguez, 4. Rodriguez beat Jay Jan, 4.

Al Ellis outpointed Cleve Holt, 4. Al Ganigan outpointed Philip LaBang, 4. Val Valentino outpointed Augie Rodriguez, 4. Red Skelton outpointed Al Briggs, 8.

Billy Williams outpointed Jack Cox, 4. Chico Morales outpointed Kudo Ortiz, 8. Francisco Colon Garcia knocked out Billy Commodore, 1, knocked out Earl Mintz, 4. Ted Varnador outpointed Nick Kachardus, 4. Kachardus knocked out Billy Clark, 3.

Joseph Bradford outpointed Young Jensen, 4. Jorge Cruz outpointed Baldomero Aldama, 6. Rolando Delgado knocked out Andy Rodriguez, 1.

Flyweight bouts follow: Norman Lewis knocked out Hughie Cameron, 2, and was kayoed by Bunty Doran, 6. Lt. Joe Gagnon knocked out Sapper Tom Tully, 1, outpointed Ron Kingston, 6. Teddy Gallagher outpointed Joe Josephs, 8, and was outpointed by Roy Ball, 8.

Young Abrigo knocked out Bob Semple, 3. Kid Vincent drew with Risco Kid, 4. Gerardo Bedford outpointed Kid Bony, 10. Speedy Lasso outpointed Jose Lornt, 4. Cesar Leal knocked out Martin Olivardia, 2.

Jackie McGouran outpointed Peter Fallon, 8, outpointed Tommy Plowright, 8; lost disqualification to Billy Batt, 3, knocked out Chris Waiston, 5. Seaman Terry Allen knocked out Phil Milligan, 8, won from Lt. Mustapha Ezzatt.

Nick Kachardus knocked out Dan O'Connor, 2.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

HOLMAN WILLIAMS, Detroit middleweight wanderer, who plies his trade regularly in rings all over the country, but rarely boxes in Detroit, returned to the old hometown and, in a bout at Arcadia for Promoter Orville Godfrey, turned in an impressive triumph over the heretofore sensational Sampson Powell. Powell, erstwhile knockout artist, found Williams' style far from his liking, and dropped a one-sided decision.

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A week before at the Arena Gardens for Nick Londes, Powell had taken a ten-round decision over Buffalo's Phil Muscato, but the sensational slugfest predicted failed to materialize.

Bobby McIntire returned to the ring wars after a protracted layoff, and made a sensational debut in Milwaukee, as he dropped the local pride, Al Jordan, twice for nine-counts, and romped off to an apparent one-sided win, only to see his opponent's hand raised. A near riot ensued, and when a checkback was made, it was found someone had erred, and McIntire was announced as the winner, as the crowd howled their approval.

Al Gomez, sharp-shooting Chicago boy, had too many guns for Detroit's Emmett Grier, and took the bout in quick style.

John D. Vorce, light-heavyweight, managed by "The Fat Guy," Merle Richards, is back in stride, and drew with Bob Satterfield in a Chicago headliner.

Petey Bolos, hard-hitting Syrian featherweight, continues as a great crowd-pleaser, and is a favorite wherever he shows, regardless of the result. He is currently being used by Akron promoters, and always shows well, win, lose, or draw.

Charley Roth,, local heavyweight on the comeback trail, turned in a few good fights, and finally was sensational in beating Dan Morrow in Akron, this fight being his last before being called to the colors.

Billy Eddy, hard-hitting Flint southpaw, is being featured by Promoter Eddie Hines in Saginaw. His last time out saw him drop the decision to Ace Miller. As this is being written he is scheduled to meet the rough-and-ready Ruby Garcia, and if Eddy drops this one it will spoil the prospective natural between him and Bobby McIntire, who turned in many good fights around Flint, Saginaw and Bay City.

Howard Fenske drew with Colon Chaney at Grand Rapids, Fenske has an unbeaten record as this is being written. He is a strong, ambitious young fellow, but not ready for the likes of Lou Nova. This being the personal opinion of this column.

Candy Cane looked like a great prospect, but is being rushed too fast. After falling by the wayside against Bill Eddy, Candy was matched with the hard-hitting Del Cockayne, and failed to finish a Minneapolis bout.

Nathan Bridges, classy boxing, elongated featherweight, is being allowed to stagnate through inaction. This boy looms as a good prospect, but is being kept on the shelf. He needs plenty of fights, without which no young fighter can develop.

Len Nelson, Detroit welterweight, is keeping busy. He is a good club fighter, and always gives the fans a good fight.

Stanley Adams, crack and hard-hitting featherweight, is campaigning again, after boxing under his own name of Cieslik for a while. Adams has shown to advantage in rings around the country, but will probably campaign out of Houston, Texas, in the near future.

Chief Red Cloud, the noble red man, born Tommy Morris, is back in action. The Indian lad is a clever and cagey fellow, but apparent lack of condition keeps him out of the win column.

Would like to hear from Charley Roth and Patsy Zoccano, the latter reported doing well around New York. The address, 25,214 Mary Street, Inkster, Mich.

Billy Grier, rough-going welter, drew with the hard-swinging Bill Parsons, in a Milwaukee ten-rounder.

Art Price continues to be a sensational prospect in the lightweight division. He chilled Al Irwin in a round at Minneapolis, and then scored over his opponent in Chicago. He is being kept busy by "The Fat Guy."

Additions and Corrections for 1945 Record Book

Make Them and Get Up to Date

Page 20—Eddie Alzak

1940—Jan. 9—Luther Slugger White, New York City, L. 6; March 4—Luther Slugger White, New York City, L. 6.

Page 20—Paul Altman

1943—Aug. 2—Joe Barnum, Ocean Park, Calif., L. 8.

In the 1945 Record Book, on page 48 in record of Laurient Bouchard change name in April 24th date to Joe Thomas instead of John Thomas and on page 285, in record of John Thomas, eliminate the fight on April 24 with Laurient Bouchard. In record of Joe Thomas of Brooklyn, page 285, add, April 24, Laurient Bouchard, Newark, K.O. by 1.

Page 67—In record of Marcel Cerdan make the following additions:

1938—Jan. 13—Eddie Ran, Paris, K.O. 2; May 8—Cleto Locatelli, Paris, W. 12.

1939—Jan. 1—Harry Craster, London, W.F. 5; Feb. 21—Saverio Turiello, Paris, W. 10.

1943—October—Omar Koudri, Algiers, K.O. 1.

Page 71—Add to record of Johnny Cockfield the following:

Nov. 3, 1938—Pedro Hernandez, Brooklyn—L. 4.
April 1, 1939—Pedro Hernandez, Albany—L. 6.
Aug. 7, 1939—Pedro Hernandez, Woodhaven—L. 4.
Oct. 16, 1939—Pedro Hernandez, New York City—L. 4.
Aug. 15, 1940—Pedro Hernandez, Brooklyn—L. 6.
Sept. 9, 1941—Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn—L. 6.

Page 73—In record of Tom Collins, Oct. 9—change win over LaSalva to loss for Collins.

Page 91—Johnny Denson

1939—Hubert Bullock, Indianapolis, K.O. 1.
1941—Sept. 25—Lee Oma, Indianapolis, K.O. 4; Bernie Davies, Indianapolis, W. 10; Johnny Boronovi, K.O. 1; Eddie Organic, K.O. 1; Oct. 10—Neville Tiger Beech, Indianapolis, D. 10; Nov. 7—Frank Zamoris, Detroit, K.O. by 2.

Page 116—Marcel Fournier

1943—Feb. 10—Yvon Cote, Montreal, L. 6.

Page 140—Billy Hale

He is a lightweight. Change from light-heavyweight.

Page 162—Willie Joyce

1938—Dec. 12—Bobby McIntire, Chicago, D. 10.
1939—Jan. 6—Bobby McIntire, Chicago, W. 10; Aug. 2—Maxie Fisher, Chicago, K.O. 2; Sept. 14—Joe Torres, Brooklyn, W. 8.

Page 170—Change initial O. in A. O. Lee to C., and in table of contents have name of A. O. Lee changed to A. C. Lee.

Page 171—In record of Julie Kogan, make following additions:

1941
July 9—Bobby Ruffin, Brooklyn—L. 10.
July 25—Victor Troise, Long Beach—K.O. 4.
Aug. 2—Mike Martinez, New York—K.O. 2.
Sept. 23—Pete Lello, Newark—K.O. 10.
Oct. 10—Nick Castiglione, Chicago—L. 10.
Nov. 13—Mike Evans, Baltimore—L. 10.
Dec. 8—Carlos Malacara, Brooklyn—L. 8.
1942
Date?—Willie Roache, New Haven—W. 8.

Page 30—In record of Sam Baccala, eliminate his win with Marvin Bryant.

Page 31—In record of Joe Baksi, Feb. 25, 1944, change name to Tami Mauriello instead of Merritt.

Page 54—In record of Marvin Bryant, April, 1944, eliminate his bout with Sam Baccala.

Page 177—In record of Vincent LaSalva, Oct. 9—change loss to Tom Collins to a win for LaSalva.

Page 192—Eliminate Nov. 27, 1942, fight from Jimmy McDaniels' Record.

Page 216—K.O. Morgan

1932—Jaw Lawson, Jersey City, K.O. 4; Augie Ruggiere, Stamford, W. 10; Kie Brooks, K.O. 4.
1933—Ken Offet, W. 8; Billy Bulley, Mt. Clemons, D. 4; Jack Reed, Mt. Clemons, L. 4; Billy Gerbe, Mt. Clemons, K.O. by 6; Johnny Mitchell, Toledo, W. 10.
1934—Frankie Pallo, Dearborn, W. 6.

Page 220—Billy Nitchy

1939—Tony Martin, Dayton, K.O. 3.

Page 227—Charley Parnham

1940—June 18—Benny Goldberg, Detroit, K.O. by 10.

Change the name Parkham in Index, Page 365, to Parnham.

Page 230—Joey Peralta

1940—Cecil Hudson, K.O. by 6.

Page 241—Elmer Ray

1939—Obie Walker, W. 6.
1941—Larry Kid Lovett, W. 10.
1942—June 12—Louis Molton, Jacksonville, K.O. 3.

Page 264—In record of Harold Schwartz, eliminate the entire 1944 record which is a duplicate of Fred Schott's 1944 performances. Schwartz was in army in 1944.

Page 308—Chalky Wright

1933—Nov. 3—Whitey Neil, Portland, Ore., W. 6; Dec. 12—Huerta Evans, San Francisco, K.O. 4.

Page 309—Bobby Yeager

1941—Babe Marino, K.O. 3; Eddie Ortega, K.O. 1; Corley Bonillas, K.O. 3; Ad Alonzo, L. 4 and W. 6; Cosby Linson, D. 8; Bob Castro, K.O. 3; Eddie Ortega, K.O. 2; Gale Harrington, K.O. 4.

Page 356—In record of Leroy Willis, Oct. 30, 1944, change N.C. to K.O., 3.

Nat Fleischer Says:

(Continued from page 7)

He took a short count then tried to get into a clinch but Stanley avoided it.

Then came the tenth and final session. O'Brien, wracked with punishment, exhausted, gamely tried to carry on but the spring in his steps was gone and the power of his jabs had left him. Twice Jack was floored and barely got to his feet and then came the windup of the most sensational bout of the period.

A right to the jaw of the crafty Philadelphian sent him to the boards in a helpless condition. He lay flat on his back with his head resting in the dust box of his corner. Referee Hurst started the count and had reached six when the bell sounded, ending hostilities.

O'Brien could not have risen in 100 seconds, no more than could Kiene in his recent battle, and Ketchel was deprived of a knockout and many scribes handed the bout to O'Brien because of what he had done prior to that tenth round rally. In those days there were no decisions. Newspapers decided the affair. Ketchel claimed a victory via the knockout route but opinion was about evenly divided on the winner on points.

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CANADIAN fight fans are up in arms over what they term unjust discrimination against the outstanding fighter of the Canadian armed forces, Danny Webb. This Negro boy whose knockout of Jackie Paterson, flyweight champ, in three rounds, was one of the major surprises of the 1944 fistic year, has been clamoring for a shot at the British Empire featherweight title but to no avail. He has been politely informed that no Negro can fight for the British Empire crown, this despite the fact that he has been fighting for the British as a soldier for upwards of two years.

Webb's case is similar to that of Larry Gains, outstanding Canadian heavyweight of pre-war times, who, though he outclassed most of the top-ranking Britishers, was not permitted to engage in a championship bout.

In a letter to THE RING from Pvt. Mickey (Bruno) Monztain of Ontario, Canada, the indignation of the Canadians is pretty well expressed by him when he writes:

"I am a soldier and so is Danny Webb. I am white but he is a Negro. In our Canadian forces, as in your country and in the entire British Empire, thousands of Negro men are fighting and have been fighting side-by-side with the members of the Caucasian race for Democracy.

"We have been given to understand that this war is one in which the Allies are battling for world Democracy, for what the late President Roosevelt so frequently said was a fight for freedom of speech, freedom of want, freedom of religion, and freedom of thought.

"Is it possible that the British are willing to have thousands of Danny Webbs defend the Empire, to accept these Negro boys with open arms in the armed forces, yet refuse them the right to fight in a roped square for a British title. Amazing indeed!

"I have seen many Negro lads come back from the battle fields to Canada maimed—some with eyes out, others with an arm or foot off, still others such physical wrecks that they will never be able to enjoy life, yet Danny Webb, one of their lot, cannot engage in a British Empire championship bout because he is a Negro.

"For shame! I cry and I daresay that millions of Americans will share my feeling when they read this in THE RING.

"Danny Webb is being discriminated against by those in control of boxing in the British Empire. This war is being fought so that every one may share in equal rights with freedom of worship and thought, the outstanding points.

"I have read the Marquis of Queensberry rules over and over again and I have yet to find one sentence which will justify such discrimination against the Negro race. There is nothing which shows that a Negro cannot hold a British title nor fight for one and I deem it an outrage, a blot upon British sportsmanship to balk the advance of Danny Webb, the best featherweight in the Empire today, because he is a Negro."

The folly of it all is that a Negro can win the British Empire championship but cannot hold the British title. Hence should Webb whip Nel Tarleton, Danny would be the Empire title holder, but Nel would continue to be recognized as the British champion.

THE RING Editor agrees with Private Monztain. If Webb is not granted a title match only because he is a Negro, then there is something radically wrong with British boxing and sportsmanship that needs immediate attention by the British legislators. If the Negroes are good enough to fight for their country, they should be good enough to take part in all branches of athletics and this goes for this country as well as that of our Allies. They compete here in title matches in boxing, track and field, tennis, golf and other sports and today in pugilism alone, they have more top-notch fighters than the white race in every division.

The British should follow our lead. And while on the subject, it behooves the baseball magnates to toss aside their discrimination and adopt the democratic spirit of boxing.

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ASCARED rabbit-pale, his face a study of fright—that was Steve Dudas, when he faced Tami Mauriello in Madison Square Garden in what was advertised as a heavyweight bout but what was one of the poorest mismatches staged by Mike Jacobs since the attack on Pearl Harbor. Dudas, apparently out to get the loser's share without battling for it, went down four times, once without being hit, and then was sent to his corner by Referee Arthur Donovan. The "bout" lasted 2 minutes and twenty-three seconds. 8042 persons, one of the smallest gatherings in the Garden in many moons, paid $28,606 to see Tami gain his second victory since his comeback, a victory that earned him a return engagement with Joe Baksi.

The invisible punch "suffered" by Jack Sharkey when he fought Primo Carnera and lost his crown to the Italian Behemoth, was repeated when Dudas went down for the second time to take a count of nine. Steve attempted to argue with the referee when the sad affair was ended, but he didn't seem any too eager to have his wish carried out. To us it appeared that he was very anxious to have Artie halt the proceedings and as for the fans, they walked out of the Garden with the knowledge that Dudas should have remained retired, but were not too harsh in their treatment of Steve only because the profits of the show—at least Mike's share—went to a worthy cause—the New York *Daily Mirror's* Fund for Servicemen.

But let's hope that Uncle Mike and Nat Rogers, his matchmaker, won't make any more such mismatches as this one. To date, with this one exception, the Garden has been the home of the country's most interesting and thrilling scraps. Let's keep it that way, Mike. Let the "Has-Beens" seeking easy money in comebacks, take their wares to other parts. They don't belong in Madison Square Garden.

The money that Dudas took with him for his mediocre performance, should have been taken from him and given to Freddie Fiducia and John Thomas for their thrilling bout, one which Freddie won after Thomas was saved by the bell from a knockout in the third and was floored again in the sixth and seventh rounds. Thomas, as in all of his previous engagements in New York, was full of fight and again proved that he is one of the best club battlers among the current civilian pugilists.

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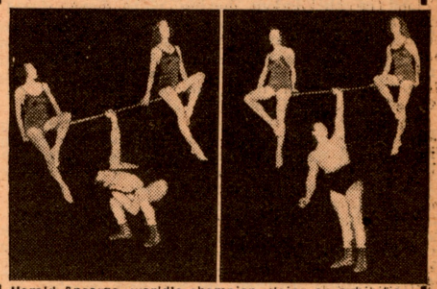

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

THOMAS NOBLE MOOREHEAD, known to the sports world as Tom Moorehead, sportscaster for Radio Station WFIL, a Blue network outlet, who fathered the need for a Judge Landis of boxing, seems to be getting places with his idea. The sportcaster, who not so long ago interviewed Pennsylvania Commission Chairman Leon L. Rains, who fell in line with the thought of having a "High Commissioner" of Pugdom, received numerous replies from various state boxing bodies favoring the suggestion. Of course, there were also a few who were of the opinion that an overlord of boxing did not meet with their approval. The anti-members of Moorehead's brain child were so few that the WFIL commentator believes that with the passing of time even those who weren't seeing eye to eye with his suggestion will soon fall in line.

One of fistiana's biggest figures, namely Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, was one of Moorehead's most recent converts. The subject of a Judge Landis of boxing was the theme of the broadcast and Mr. Greene readily agreed with Tom's idea that if the boxing game is to continue, a national supervisor of the sport is essential.

Commissioner Greene pointed out that with a high commissioner there would be a uniformity of rules; contract jumpers would be eliminated; preliminary fighters would fail in having themselves booked as main eventers; there would be but one champion recognized in each division; a similar scoring system would be in force by the judges and referee, and physically unfit performers, who today are barred in some states and permitted to don the gloves in other commonwealths, would be forever banned from ring competition.

A close checkup of the promising youngsters, who are certain to head for stardom before the end of the year finds such glovemen as the undefeated Wesley Mouzon, Jimmy Collins, Dave Freeman and George Larover, lightweights, and Archie Wilmer, featherweight, as the fistmen that bear watching.

Another fighter, only a starter, having disposed of his only rival as a pro in two heats is Jetson Arnold, kid brother of the deadly punching Billy. Jetson, who has won the world amateur lightweight crown, may blossom forth as a fighter equally as spectacular as his older brother. He can box, punch and, according to records as a simon-pure, is a game individual.

So look for 1946 to produce the above-mentioned glovemen in the ranks of the topnotchers around these parts and recognized the nation over as fistmen who merit being among the leading ten in their respective fighting divisions.

All of the indoor boxing clubs have closed for the season and only one promoter, Herman Taylor, will hold sway during the outdoor season.

Jimmy Toppi put the padlocks on his Olympia and Met clubs; Joe Wenke on the College of Hard Knocks, or the Cambria; and Taylor on the Arena and Convention Hall.

But the closing shows of each promoter brought the fans plenty to talk about. The Cambria wound up with a gang of knockouts, topped by a win for Paul Febbo over Tony Cocco; Pat Patucci, an odds-on favorite to win over Freddy Sammons, who was appearing in his first windup at the Olympia, was defeated in an upset; Jetson Arnold, through unfortunate circumstances due to the sudden non-appearance of Ray Rovelli for his scheduled main event with Izzy Jannazzo, found himself battling in his first windup in his initial pro start, at the Met. Jetson, kid brother of Billy, belted out Jimmy Lane, in two heats, to impress the fans with his deadly punching powers.

Jose Basora, the Puerto Rican, emerged with flying colors in a national fistic upset when he held the spectacular Ray "Sugar" Robinson to a ten-round dead heat, at Herman Taylor's final indoor show at Convention Hall. In our opinion, Basora, protege of Chris Dundee, former local citizen, showed to advantage over the Harlem warrior.

Promoter Taylor's initial outdoor card saw Wesley Mouzon, the highly spectacular lightweight charge of Tom Montgomery and Gene Buffalo, battle in whirlwind fashion against Jimmy Joyce, kid brother of Willie. Mouzon, who succeeded in winning his twenty-first consecutive battle, proved to the spectators that he is one of the leading prospects this city has developed in a long time. He outboxed, outfixed, outslugged and made Joyce look ridiculous. He battered the Indiana foeman so convincingly that the referee halted the proceedings in the fifth round to avert any further massacre of the western walloper, who is yet to land any kind of a punch on Mouzon. This also happened to be Mouzon's eleventh kayo victory in his 21 conquests. The unbeaten Mouzon will soon be ready for the topnotch lightweights.

Results of recent bouts in Philadelphia:

At Herman Taylor's Convention Hall—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 149½ pounds, of New York City, and Jose Basora, 154, of Puerto Rico, drew in ten rounds; Jackie Floyd, 126, of Philadelphia, knocked out Blond Tiger, 127, of Lowell, Mass., in one round; Jimmy Gardner, 181, of Philadelphia, lost to Johnny Allen, 205, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Georgie Miller, 165, of Philadelphia, halted Johnny Clark, 167, of Detroit, in four rounds; O'Neill Bell, 156, of Detroit, outpointed Billy Goodman, 160, of Philadelphia, in six rounds.

At Herman Taylor's Arena Stadium—Wesley Mouzon, 137, of Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Joyce, 134, of Gary, Ind., in five rounds; Victor Flores, 129, of Mexico, defeated Bobby Smith, 126½, of Philadelphia, in ten rounds; Charley Hilton, 146½, of Philadelphia, beat Johnny 'Red' Fees, 141½, of Lebanon, in six rounds; Earl Trader, 127½, of Wilmington, beat Rocky Progano, 132, of New York, in six rounds; Pat Patucci, 143¾, of Port Norris, N. J., won from Ace Dundee, 143, of Baltimore, in six rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia Club—Freddy Sammons, 145, of Chester, conquered Pat Patucci, 143, of Port Norris, N. J., in eight rounds; Talbert Anderson, 132, of Philadelphia, beat Jimmy Allen, 127, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Tommy Merrill, 152, of Philadelphia, decisioned Henry McNeil, 145, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Charley Hilton, 157, of Philadelphia, stopped Tony Dean, 155, of Philadelphia, in one round; Ted Turner, 159, of Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Tate, 162, of Philadelphia, in five rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Met—Jetson Arnold, 134½, of Philadelphia, stiffened Jimmy Lane, 138½, of Philadelphia, in two rounds; Ray Scully, 184, of Reading, beat Nat Hines, 184, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Johnny Fry, 137, of Chester, won from York Howell, 136, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Willie Alexander, 123, of Chester, beat Larney Mosely, 126, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Buddy Harron, 143, of Philadelphia, stopped Gee Sparry, 150½, of Reading, in the first round.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria Club—Paul Febbo, 124, of Philadelphia, conquered Johnny Wolgast, 124, of Philadelphia, in ten rounds; Jimmy Tate, 163, of Philadelphia, belted out Pancho Segura, 161, of New York, in one round; Jimmy Smith, 183, of Philadelphia, halted Howard Berger, 187, of Philadelphia, in five rounds; Willie Hutchins, 150, of Philadelphia, stopped Lenny Glennon, 150, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Jimmy Parlin, 115, of Philadelphia, knocked out Timmy Klinges, 113, of Reading, in two heats.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria Club—Paul Febbo, 123, of Philadelphia, beat Tony Cocco, 120, of Philadelphia, in ten rounds; Talbert Anderson knocked out Willie Weazle in three rounds; Willie Hutchins knocked out Tommy Latch in one round; Jimmy Brown beat Jimmy Smith in six rounds; Maynard Jones knocked out Jim Quigley in three rounds. (Balance of weights not available.)

Bob Montgomery, currently a corporal in the U. S. Army, has taken a new manager in the person of Joe Gramby, who, with Dick Kane, shared the job as trainer for the lightweight champion. Gramby, in addition to handling the business end for the Bobcat, will also continue to do his share as the conditioner and will have Kane as his co-partner and trainer.

Montgomery, who was started in the fistic game by Johnny Hutchinson, a former lightweight contender, and trained by Gramby and Kane from the beginning of his career, was later managed by Frankie Thomas, under whose guidance the local warrior became the lightweight king by dethroning Beau Jack.

Since Monty has joined up with the Army, it seems as though the king of 135-pounders was biding his time until his contract with Thomas ran out and then he cast his fistic future under the management of Gramby.

Thomas, the discarded manager, doesn't know what caused the rift between the title holder and himself.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREAL'S outdoor boxing seems likely to be confined mostly to minor shows at the Stade Exchange with the Russ Leighton-Sylvio Mireault duo teaming up with Ray Lamontagne, mat promoter, in weekly offerings with an amateur card alternating every now and then. However, a few major cards are likely, with the Harry Ship-Maurice Foreman combine planning to stage a ballpark show with Gus Mell as the main attraction.

Unseasonable weather marred the first couple of Stade Exchange presentations. The first one, headed by Jean Barriere and Jerry Darby, was rained out twice and set back a week. Barriere took the ten-round decision clearly enough, proving much the stronger, but did not impress as much as expected.

The six-round semi-windup between Billy Carroll, Quebec bulldog, and Marcel Deschamps, willing but green local lad, was a short-range slugfest all the way, with Carroll getting a close verdict that got a mixed reception. In the best of the prelims, Jean-Paul Ouimet scored a smart kayo over Gaby Ferland, fast but fragile local youngster. Ouimet was doing none too well when he suddenly pegged a short left hook to Ferland's body to floor him. A couple more to the same vulnerable spot finished the job. It was a spectacular debut for Ouimet. Patsy Dupont, Ottawa, flattened one Oliver Cooke in a round with some well-placed wallops. Cooke is definitely not cut out to be a fighter.

The following week Billy Carroll repeated over Deschamps in the ten-round top spot and it was another gruelling struggle identical to their six-round slugfest. Carroll's toughness and better condition made the difference. The promoters did not get too good a break from the weatherman.

The six-round semi-final was a comic delight with Dave "Killer" Viau, a good southpaw walloper who lacks heart, being bluffed most of the way by Al Laperriere, squat Quebecer, until he finally lashed out furiously in the last round to batter the Quebecer to the floor and have him on the verge of a knockout. Laperriere was not in shape but merrily bluffed along, making Viau retreat hastily to the joy of the fans whenever he cut loose with a flurry or threatened to. Viau should have been able to kayo him in two or three rounds.

The best of the prelims was a hard-fought six-rounder between Jean-Paul Ouimet and Patsy Dupont. Ouimet appeared to have a slight edge, scoring two clean knockdowns to a single short trip he took to the canvas, but the draw verdict assures an early rematch. Elwood Daignault impressed with a hard-hitting win over Jean-Paul Desjardins, Quebec southpaw, who was obviously in poor condition, and Gaby Ferland also scored clearly over Frankie Belanger, another non-conditioned Quebecer. (The commission would be wiser to be a bit more fussy about these Quebec importations. We've seen them turn down far better matches.) Mike Barnath beat Jackie Rodrigue in the four-round opener.

Stray Shots—Wilfe Shanks took over a month to get rid of four months' rustiness, but that wasn't enough and he lost in ten to St. Paul at West Springfield, Mass. . . . He is slated to meet Saint Paul in Springfield, Mass., and probably Marvin Bryant in New York . . . . Tommy Murray, fiery Montreal Irishman, dropped a split, unpopular decision in an eight-round semi-final at Boston to Tommy Moore . . . . it was Murray's first fight in a long while and he tired in the last two rounds . . . . he scored a one-round kayo in White Plains, then returned for a rematch with Moore in Boston over the ten-round route . . . . Murray wasted little time in the first heat, then Moore belted him low in the second . . . . they gave Murray a five-minute rest, then Moore socked him low again and was disqualified . . . . Ralph Walton put up a good battle with Dave Castilloux but the Canadian light and welter king took the ten-round decision in their Saint John, N. B., battle that attracted some 3,000 fans . . . . Joe Vanelli split in his invasion of New York rings, winning his first four-rounder, then dropping one to Carl Stein . . . . Larry Bouchard had to pass up a return match with Arturo Godoy due to immigration complications . . . . Yvon Cote has to quit the game due to weak eyes . . . . tough break . . . . cheerio till next month.

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It is unfortunate that the army has taken a stand against the bout. No matter where staged, it would be the biggest sports event of all time—a sure $2,000,000 extravaganza. The suggestion for such a bout was made by Conn recently, but was turned down.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

ONE of boxing's finest sportsmen is E. M. Cantu, who promotes fights in the bull ring at Villa Acuna, Mexico, across the Rio Grande from Del Rio. Mr. Cantu, also owner of that city's finest night club, La Macarena, is the sort of host that makes it a real pleasure for managers and fighters to appear there. The writer was a guest May 13th as Wayne Armstrong knocked out Pelon Garcia in six rounds. Mr. Cantu stages bullfights once each month and boxing shows once per month.

Galveston—Jackie Allen, New Orleans featherweight, punched out a victory over Jose Andreas, Dallas, in the six-round main event. It was a hard-fought battle all the way with Allen's heavier punching earning the duke. In the semi-windup Johnny Villanueva T.K.O.'ed Otho Slager, 6. Harry Lane stopped Walter Brady, 4; Luis del Angel T.K.O.'ed Vincent Mazac, 5; Sammy Anderson halted Tommy Tucker, 4.

Houston—Punchin' Paul Altman kayoed Tony Reno of Chicago in five. Reno, subbing for stablemate Jimmy Pittro, was not in the best of condition and tired badly, leaving himself a target for the hard-hitting Houston slugger. Grady Black defeated Pelon Garcia, 6; Pancho Martinez stopped Otho Slager, 4; Tommy Tucker kayoed Wallace Bates, 3; Vincent Mazac stopped Bill Miller, 2.

San Antonio—Cpl. Fritzie Zivic, former world's welter boss, had little difficulty disposing of Kid Azteca, Mexican ace, winning a decision in ten rounds, while dumping Azteca to the canvas a couple of times. The pair, who battled ten hectic rounds, with Fritzie getting a most unpopular nod, last December, did not make nearly so interesting a fight this time, but did prove conclusively that Zivic was the master, having earned three victories in three settos.

In the eight-round semi, Proctor Heinold, classy Oklahoma City youngster, defeated Jose Mendoza via decision. Tom Attra, former national Golden Gloves titleholder, made his pro debut, stopping Pancho Medrano in five. Medrano showed little ability or desire to fight. Joey Yarosz, classy young brother of former champion, Teddy, impressed in holding Enrique Lopez, Mexico, to a draw, 6; Johnny Villanueva stopped Joe Laredo, 6; Ike Jackson kayoed Bill Miller, 2.

Beaumont—Cpl. Fritzie Zivic turned in an iron-man stunt, for having beaten Kid Azteca in San Antonio, May 7, he hopped over to Beaumont and trounced Pat Saia the following night. This double-header left Beaumont fans wondering what happened to the commission ruling that a fighter may participate in only one main event within four days. They felt, and we believe justly so, that they were entitled to see Zivic at top form, not tired from a gruelling ten-round fight 24 hours previous. Anyway, Fritzie stepped through the entire ten heats at a fairly fast clip and easily earned the duke.

Johnny Dabbs decisioned Grady Black in 6; Tom Attra won over Jack Thompson, 6; Ramon Alva and Jose Andreas drew, 6; Johnny Villanueva knocked out Tiger Rodriquez, 4.

Galveston—Proctor Heinold upset Galveston's local pride, Eddie Bertolino, taking an easy ten-round decision. Johnny Dabbs beat Pelon Garcia, 6; Rudy Flores kayoed Frank Thompson, 2; Max Schindler defeated Pancho Martinez, 6; Tommy Tucker stopped Wallace Bates, 6.

Laredo—Eddie Martin, classy middleweight from the Laredo army air base, punched out a decision over hard-hitting Julio Cerna in ten fast rounds. K. O. Barrado beat Pedro Acosta, 8; Matias Ruiz defeated Gus Berrington, 6.

Houston—Tony Mar, Mexico's classiest piece of fighting machinery, proved that styles mean little to him. Pitted against Roy Lewis, hard-hitting southpaw, it took Tony just three rounds to find the range with his deadly left hook and it was all over. In the companion ten-rounder, Paul Altman stopped Enrique Lopez in three. LaCaliche, promising young Mexican feather, took the measure of Pancho Martinez, 6; Don Keck and Walter Brady drew, 5; Vincent Mazac decisioned Paul Brooks, 4.

San Antonio—Kid Filipino, ace Mexican welterweight, had no trouble in gaining an easy ten-round victory over Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis youngster. Proctor Heinold, who appears to improve with each start, scored a couple of knockdowns to score impressively over Chucho Llanes, highly regarded Mexican featherweight, also in ten rounds. Pelon Garcia was given an unpopular nod over Harry Lane, 6; Chuey Rodriquez defeated Simon Medina, 4; Tiger Rodriquez beat Otho Slager, 4.

Houston—An effort at reviving Negro boxing in Houston brought a surprising response and a nice crowd turned out. In the feature bout, Red Simms flattened Clarence Wyatt in the first of a scheduled ten-rounder. Chester Roysron T.K.O.'ed Joseph Keys, 2; Sammy Anderson stopped Leroy Williams, 3; Tommy Tucker beat Wallace Bates, 4; Alphonse Brown won over Dewitt Oliver, 4.

Glove Gossip—Maj. Fred Maly, who conducted the Joe Louis overseas tour, has recently returned to civilian life and has assumed the sports editorship of the San Antonio *Evening News and Express*. Maj. Maly was sports editor of the *News* before he entered the services.

Bobby Reed, for years one of Texas' very best featherweights, was home recently, wearing the Purple Heart and recuperating from wounds received in action. . . . We are grateful for the letter received from Ted "Mustang" Garcia, doing his part with the U. S. Navy abroad. . . . Ralph Sikes, classy welter of a few years back and one of the very best scrappers ever to be produced in this sector, helped kayo the Japrats at Iwo Jima and came through with flying colors. . . . Billy Deeg, former state welter king, is making a highly successful comeback and looks as good as ever. . . . The writer's address: 1518 N. Trinity Street, San Antonio, Texas.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

YOUNG Montreal stole the spotlight this month when a set of boxing gloves used by him in one of his memorable battles with Bushy Graham were auctioned off for war bonds during fight programs staged at Elks Auditorium on May 25, and at the R. I. Auditorium on May 28. These were won by Herman Silverman who purchased $7,000 in war bonds.

Ralph Zannelli, local topnotch welter, has won three consecutive fights, and is aiming for a shot at Freddie "Red" Cochrane. Young Bobby Zollo, East Providence welter, is progressing nicely under the guidance of the very capable Bobby Vitti. Joey Angelo is gaining many admirers by his display of superb boxing ability. Joey Gomez, former amateur star, has turned pro. Benny Delgado, R. I. amateur lightweight champ, and Eddie Soares, welter champ, will compete in tourneys staged at Dilboy Field in Somerville, Mass., this summer. While on furlough here, Staff Sgt. Tony Yeamen, stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, was a ringside spectator at a recent boxing show.

Here are Rhode Island Results:

Rhode Island Auditorium—Ernie Forte, 147½, Providence, lost a close decision to the rugged Freddie Camuso, 150¼, Fall. River, in a ten-round main go before 2,456 patrons, who paid a gross of $4,997.

Tony Brandino, 148½, Hamilton, Ont., suffered a stunning knockout defeat at the hands of Jimmy Thompson, 145½, N. Y., in the second round of an eight-round semi-final.

Elks Auditorium—Freddie Camuso, 150½, Fall River, won easily over Jackie Peters, 150½, Trenton, N. J., in a ten-round feature before 941 patrons who paid $1,843.

Elks Auditorium—Louis Long, 192, Chicago, K.O.'ed Billy Duncan, 177½, Buffalo, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round main event before 884 patrons who paid $1,701. This was Bill Daly's protege's sixth straight win here.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Ralph Zannelli, 150, Providence, won his third straight by knocking out Eddie Saunders, New York Negro, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten. Zannelli floored his opponent in the first round for a five-count and in the fourth, he had Saunders down for a nine-count.

Charlie McPherson, 159, Brooklyn, shortened the eight-round semi-final to three rounds, winning on a T.K.O. over Nelson Hawkins, 158½, Cleveland, when Hawkins suffered a cut eye.

Ernie Guisti looked impressive while scoring two victories.

Jerry Berthiaume stopped Dave Horblitt in four at Boston.

Benny Singleton was at his best when he beat George Larover at New Bedford, May 29.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES

By JACK McCALLUM

THE most sensational and dramatic heavyweight ring battle ever witnessed in the Pacific Northwest took place at Portland, Oregon, on May 25 when Joe Kahut, 181, U.S. Navy, knocked out "Moose" Kennedy, 197, Vancouver, Washington, Negro, in the ninth round. The gate was $9,701 gross.

Kahut floored Kennedy three times in the sixth round and broke his left hand doing it. The big Negro came back in the seventh to nail Kahut with a terrific right hand to the button. Kahut was dazed and badly hurt by Kennedy's attack which followed the big wallop, but Sailor Joe pulled out of it without going down, covering up nicely and had Kennedy on the canvas when the gong sounded ending the seventh round.

In the eighth and ninth rounds, Kahut, using only his right hand, scored five more knockdowns and knocked Kennedy out in the ninth round. It was a great win for the 21-year-old Kahut and "made" him in Portland as a heavyweight, as the Gunboat Smith fight "made" Jack Dempsey in San Francisco 'way back in 1917.

The Kahut family physician, Dr. Robert Donnelly, of Woodburn, Oregon, collapsed from a heart attack during the exciting fight and died in Kahut's dressing room. Kahut will be laid up with the broken hand for three months.

Frankie Gimble, another fighting sailor, surprised the boys at Spokane, Washington, by fighting a thrilling draw with Paulie Peters, of San Francisco, over the ten-round route, on May 25.

Jimmy McLeod, the Tacoma, Washington, lightweight, who fought in Madison Square Garden several times, was killed in action in the battle of the Negros Islands (Philippines), on April 26. He was an infantry paratrooper.

Joe Waterman and "Tex" Salkeld have changed the name of their club to the Mel Roberts Boxing Club, of Portland, Oregon, to perpetuate the memory of Mel Roberts, 19-year-old Portland boxer, who was killed in action in Belgium last December.

"Hat" Freeman is promoting wrestling at Spokane. . . . Billy Sandow, who for so many years managed Strangler Lewis, will be the wrestling promoter at Seattle. . . . Tiger Jack Fox, 183, made a mess of Al Ware, 207, at Spokane, and stopped the big Californian in nine rounds.

TRINIDAD, B.W.I., NOTES

By RONAEO H. PINHEIRO

ON May 3, Rene Sanchez beat Neville Edwards at Port-of-Spain in a ten-round bout, and on May 24, the biggest crowd that ever saw a match in Trinidad, watched Syd Brown lose his light-heavyweight crown to Gentle Daniel. The bout was scheduled for fifteen rounds but ended in the sixth via the knockout route. Daniel scaled 170 to 165 for his opponent.

The victory carried with it the Island's title. The loser had an excellent record, including a victory over Ron Richards in Australia. He also won the B.W.I. crown from Juan Herrera of Cuba who at the time was a high-ranking light-heavyweight.

Hitting the Spotlight

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possesses all the qualifications for becoming a champion.

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GEORGIE KOCHAN

WHERE there is smoke, there must be fire. Thus, if fans insist that Georgie Kochan, Akron, Ohio, light-heavyweight, is one of the world's greatest club-fighters, there must be something to it. Baltimore boxing commissioner, Tom McDonough, has publicly stated that not only is Kochan the most thrill-providing fighter he has seen as a commissioner, but that he's now the biggest drawing card in Baltimore and that the boxing game would profit greatly if there were more scrappers like him.

In Detroit, where Kochan and Jake LaMotta fought two terrific battles, the Motor City sportswriters voted them the outstanding slugfests of 1944. Georgie's astute manager, Tex Sullivan, has been trying desperately to get Jake to fight Kochan once more, but LaMotta always seems to have "another engagement."

A stablemate of Lee Oma and Lee Q. Murray, leading heavyweight contenders, Georgie makes the third member of a splendid triumvirate. Georgie lays no claim to scientific boxing, being neither fleet-footed nor fancy-fisted. His forte is Pier Six brawling. He charges in, gloved fists going windmill style, shaking off punches and retaliating with smashing wallops to the head and body.

Possessed of endless stamina and endurance—coupled with TNT fists—Kochan all but ruined Coley Welch, whom he recently whipped. He broke six of Coley's ribs. The rough-and-ready Kochan is one of the most valiant ringmen in fistiana. He is a tireless fighter and devastating walloper. He has stowed away such lads as Larney Moore, Tommy Campanella, Gene Pinter, Howard Bennett, Johnny Seaman and other good ones. He has defeated such outstanding boxers as Cocoa Kid, Vic Dellicurti, Van McNutt, Deacon Logan, Billy Grant, Ossie Harris, Johnny Carter and Vince Pimpinella.

"Georgie's youth is replete with exciting adventures," pointed out Sullivan. "Even more blood-tingling than the movie, 'Casablanca.' He ran away from home at the age of 14, worked on the docks of New Orleans and later shipped out as a seaman. He has been in practically every port in the world several times and had hair-raising experiences wherever he's been."

It was on shipboard that Georgie Kochan realized his boyhood ambition to become a fighter. He trained with his shipmates and almost annihilated the opponents he fought.

"Georgie had a strange experience in Zanzibar," related Tex, "when he stiffened a native longshoreman from Northern Rhodesia. Kochan knocked the giant so cold that the other dock workers, thinking he'd killed their champ, disappeared from the ship so that they wouldn't be held as witnesses to a murder. They returned, however, an hour later—before the guy came to."

As a merchant seaman, Kochan was in Hamburg, Germany, at the time the Krauts were preparing to make war against Britain. "There wasn't too much excitement among the citizens," recalls Georgie in a pleasant voice and excellent diction for he has acquired considerable culture in his travels. "Fully aware that war was coming, they also felt certain of winning it. I would like to see their faces now!"

Kochan was in Rotterdam, Holland, shortly before the Nazis came parachuting down. "The crew of my ship, *Black Gull*, knew something was cooking because we'd been told to make haste steaming out of port. That was a dangerous and exciting experience. The harbor, being mined, the *Black Gull* had to pick its way through the mine-field at night. One false move from the pilot—or a mine drifting from its mooring—and up we'd go, ship and all, in a thousand little pieces. We all had lifebelts on, being prepared for the worst. For the members of the black gang—the engine-room crew—of which I was one—it was particularly troublesome, as you can imagine."

When the United States entered the war, the swashbuckling Georgie Kochan enlisted and spent three years on submarine duty in the Atlantic. In his last nine years of seafaring, he has gone through more singular experiences and dangerous adventures than the average person goes through in a lifetime of a hundred years.

Kochan displays but few signs of his profession, despite the many grueling ring battles he has weathered, about 65 in all. Strangely enough, his fighting style remains unchanged. He has acquired but little ring finesse and practically no fast footwork. He still wades in, arms swinging, seeking to batter his foe down by the sheer power of his blows.

"Pier Six style of fighting," says his trainer, Mannie Seaman, who trained Benny Leonard and Joe Louis, "is natural with Georgie. Changing his style now would be as impossible as it would be inadvisable. It's slambang fighting that keeps him winning his battles."

A civilian now—and fighting better than ever—Kochan trains daily at Stillman's gym where fight experts assemble to watch the scrappers at work. Georgie's ring workouts draw more attention from onlookers than that of champions.

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DANNY CARABALLO

THE photographs of Danny Caraballo show him wearing a huge belt. He got it in India for winning the middleweight title from Gunboat Jack, although Danny scaled but 135 pounds.

A singular thing about the boxing career of this 22-year-old U. S. soldier, is that as an amateur he took part in over 120 contests, had but sixteen professional fights and participated in about 150 exhibitions while in the Army. He admits losing some of his simon-pure fights, one pro contest—to Benny Goldberg—but he won all of his Army battles.

He was christened Demetrio Caraballo. He was born in Brooklyn of Puerto Rican parents, on May 5, 1923, and was a year old when his parents took him to Puerto Rico, returning to New York five years later.

"My schoolmates used to pick on me," explained Danny, "because I was timid. For a time, I came home crying every day. Then I decided to remedy matters. I learned to defend myself. I went to a gym at the age of 14, and began to learn the art of boxing. I patterned myself after the ring style of my idol, former lightweight champ, Lou Ambers."

After but a month of gym work, supervised by Dick Bruno, who taught him the finer points of boxing, Bruno entered Caraballo in the amateurs, promising to make him a Golden Gloves champ—which he did.

Danny turned pro in 1940, while still attending Chelsea high school. A few of his victims are: Earl Roys, Johnny Navaro, Peter Beaton, Joey Agro, Earl Mintz, Billy Marcus, Larry Torpy and Billy Straus.

Caraballo joined the Army a year later. He was boxing instructor at various camps. In 1943 he whipped Battling Jim Hayes, an English soldier, in a tournament of Army champs, at Cairo, Egypt. Danny also won fights in Alexandria, Palestine, Syria and many other places in Europe. He defeated Joey Fontana, popular Bensonhurst lightweight, in Cairo.

Caraballo's manager, Tony Rojas, who brought Sixto Escobar to New York and was the Puerto Rican's pilot when Sixto won the bantamweight title, says that Danny was matched to fight featherweight champ, Willie Pep, on three different occasions. "Danny was ready to fight," claims Tony, "but for some unexplained reason, Pep wasn't. The first time, it may have been that Willie was sick. The second time, it could've been a coincidence. But three times—well, draw your own conclusions."

Danny is a fast and skillful ringman—and one of the best conditioned boxers in the business, due to his fistic activities in the Army. Although he tips the beam at 130 pounds, he'll soon see ring action as a lightweight.

Caraballo is now an aeronautic mechanic in the U. S. Army.

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"KO" Clinches Title

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In the 135-pound class, for the fifth bout of the evening, LAG Jack Blackburn, RCAF, and Pfc. William Smyth from St. Louis, Missouri, put on probably the best boxing of the evening. The boys split two decisions in their first two meetings. Smyth, who has a rapier left hand, kept Blackburn, the harder puncher, away and won a unanimous decision. Smyth is a lanky boy who fights from a straight standing position and is a beautiful boxer to watch.

LAC Frank Lemieux, 160-pounder from the RCAF, and Pfc. Hugh O'Rourke, also 160 pounds from Dixon, Illinois, put on an old-fashioned slug-fest in the semi-final of the evening in a fight that was exceptionally close. Both boys threw caution to the winds, and fought like wild men possessed. From the opening bell until the finish, they tossed leather. Many times through the bout, it looked like one and then the other was going down from sheer exhaustion. As this writer saw it, nothing but raw courage kept the boys on their feet. O'Rourke won a split decision, then came Lt. Knight's win for the championship.

Nine Champions Crowned

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Southpaw Philip Silva of Hawaii took the middleweight title by beating lanky Arthur Freeman. The end came in the second when Freeman was staggered with a short left hook and then dropped by a fast one-two follow up.

James Miller, well-conditioned light-heavyweight from AAFPOA and the 1944 Hawaiian Territorial A.A.U. champion, added the CPBC crown by piling up a string of kayo wins in the CPBC tourney. In the final shot he planted McDuffie Solomon in the first frame.

Moe Peralto of the Combat Training Command upset the dope by edging Hawaiian heavyweight star, Naipio Robertson.

Allan Dodd and Willie Whittle judged the nine bouts while Dick Chang and Walter Cho refereed the card. All four arbiters are licensed officials with the Territory of Hawaii Boxing Commission.

Crown UK Base Champs

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wanted, but Bennie did the only safe thing, the only sensible thing in this case.

Nick also stopped Pfc. Hardeman Bailey, Macon, Ga., in the first.

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ROY CHAMBERS, S 1/c of Cambridge, Mass., straight punching lad, made it two titles for the Navy in coming from behind to defeat game Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, Brooklyn, N. Y. Chambers started strong, jarring Tommy with straight lefts and rights. Carbonero crowded the taller Navy lad and did some damaging two-fisted punching in close that Roy had trouble in coping with. It was a battle that see-sawed back and forth, the decision in doubt to the end. Chambers' two-fisted rally in the closing round earned the banner for him amid roars of approval.

Chambers displayed a beautiful straight right in disposing of his only foe before meeting Carbonero, when he stopped Pvt. Wardell Cato with almost the first punch he threw, Cato is from Oklahoma City, Okla. Robert Taylor, St. M 1/c, of Kansas City had defaulted to Chambers.

Carbonero had two stiff fights. In the first he stopped John Carter, Navy, of Wellsville, Ohio, in the second after being floored twice himself in a sensational battle. In another hard fight, Tommy beat Charles Gaynor, AMM 3/c, of Long Island, N. Y.

Aaron "Killer" Kahn beat his toughest foe in these parts to win the light-heavyweight title from Sgt. Jimmy Wade, Birmingham, Mich. Jimmy was knocked down but came back fighting hard and had Kahn tired at the end. Although losing to Kahn for the fifth straight time, Wade seems to be coming into his own.

He isn't rattled when hurt as before, but comes back with both hands, fighting his way out of the tough spots. Kahn won clearly, is a tough man, but the lesson should do Jimmy a lot of good.

Kahn warmed up by stopping Pvt. James Duckett, Bowie, Md., in the first.

Wade stopped William Ambraziatis, F 1/c, New York, in the third, then got the nod over Andrew White, PH M 3/c, of St. Louis, in 3.

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THE heavyweights were disappointing as far as the fighting went. Leo "The Lion" Matriciani came through in a dull bout with Cpl. Willard Reed, Indianapolis, Ind. Leo hasn't been beaten yet, nor had Reed until this meeting. Neither one was up to par. Leo was slow and fat; Reed just slow of foot, slow to follow up. Leo did the better boxing and was not hurt by Reed's hard hitting.

Leo had but one previous bout. That being with Negro Cpl. Walter Pierce, Philadelphia. Pierce took the first round but Leo shot some blows to the body that tired the lad and forced him to stop in the third.

Reed met two Tartars. He wallowed S/Sgt. Steve Kapocki, Baltimore, for three rounds. Steve took all Reed could dish out, was even on the canvas once, but fought back hard, jarring Willard many times.

Richard Delameter, QM3/c, Schenectady, didn't get any of the better of the deal in losing to Reed in the semi-finals. Reed hit Delameter as he did Kaplocki with all he had, but the Navy boy came back with more. Not only that but his punches seemed to affect Reed more than Delameter, who punched a lot inside while Reed rested.

Fisticuffs in the Navy

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him hard and fast in the third stanza, when "Red" Green, familiar Coast scrapper acting as referee, called a halt to the wallopings and gave the crown to Gonsalves via the TKO route. They were middleweights.

The light-heavyweight scrap brought down the house when Eugene Toulouse, Co 110, and Ernest Mouchot, Co 119, unlimbered their heavy artillery and threw punches at each other with the speed and precision of a Navy bomber dropping a few eggs over Japan in the moonlight. For three hectic rounds, both battlers tore into each other with the powerful left jabs of Toulouse counting most when the awards were handed out.

The heavyweight contest was won by Larry Dailey, Co 90, who stood up under the aggressive tactics of John Kober, Co 100, the latter never letting up in his role of the aggressor.

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BOXERS from the 4th Regiment at Bainbridge, Md., copped top honors in the inter-regimental smoker, taking the blue ribbon for the second time in a row. Among the winning scrappers were Dick Elwood, Co 4133; Bob Snyder, Co 4066; Ray Ring, Co 3079; Herb Lefferts, Co 3077; Bill Brown, Co 4076, and Homer Kiminch, Co 4133. . . . One of the recent visitors at Treasure Island was "Abe the Newsboy," famous as the man who fought more than 1,000 leather battles. For a spell, during World War I, Abe was a boxing instructor in the Navy, and more recently awarded the "Award of Merit," for recruiting over one thousand enlisted men and Waves.

The All-Specialist Boxing Show at Treasure Island proved a thriller to the jam-packed fight emporium on the man-made island. . . . A new boxing instructor in the person of Bill Rosseau, has been added to the staff at Treasure Island. Bill, who started amazing boxing fans, when only thirteen years of age, has amassed a startling record in the fisticuff game, adding 24 more wins while stationed at Honolulu. . . . Among the scrappers carrying the standards of the Air Base at Honolulu is Johnny Shkor, holder of the Pacific Area heavyweight title. . . . Don't let your fight news grow yellow with age, send the dope along and let the rest of the fleet know what's going on. Our address is Navy Ammunition Depot, Earle, N. J.

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The Ring's Honor Roll

By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS

Jackie McCoy, California star, who has been in the thick of the South Pacific fighting. He's in the Navy.

REPORTS from the battlefields of Europe as the fight for the conquest of Germany neared its finish, showed many casualties among the professional and amateur boxers, particularly among the simon pures. These youngsters, inducted less than eight months ago, did themselves proud as they faced the enemy, according to reports reaching THE RING Editor from his correspondents with the American Army. But now all is over on the European front and already several dozen pugilists who were members of General Hodge's Army and of General Patton's Army are back in the States enjoying a well earned rest before embarking on the final stages of the fight for Democracy in the Pacific area.

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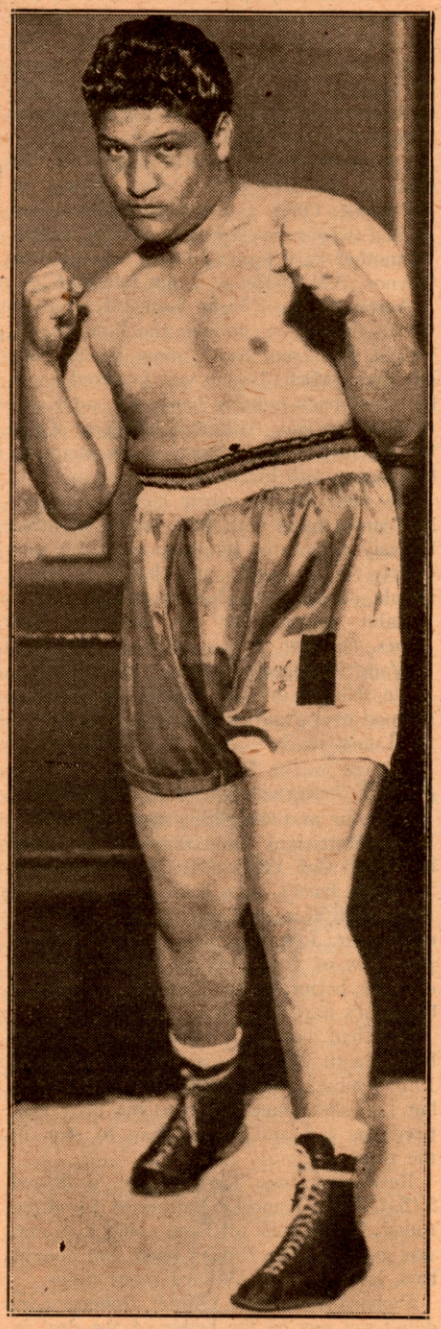
ON the night of the Bunny Davis-Rocky Graziano fight in Madison Square Garden, the House that Tex Built had many familiar faces among the spectators, boys who had been frequenters of Jacobs' Beach before the attack on Hawaii by the Japs and who were home for a furlough before being relocated after their arrival from Europe. Included in the batch were veterans of Okinawa and Iwo Jima campaigns, casualties recuperating in New York hospitals. Mike Jacobs' generosity aided these lads to see the fights on the cuff. They were his guests and received a royal welcome.



Pancho De La Cruz, Marine Corps heavyweight.

Louis Ruybalid, a Seabee title holder with a fine fighting record.

THE new order of the army permitting the release of men who have seen overseas service and have rolled up sufficient points to enable them to get a discharge, has resulted in the return to pro boxing of 102 men who had been inactive because of the war. These added to more than a 1000 who have joined their old ranks during the past half year, have given to boxing enough talent to keep the pot boiling this summer. True the big shots are still in service, but Mike Jacobs, Herman Taylor, Lou Fisher and other promoters who have been crowding 'em in show after show, have proved that big time names are not necessary these days.

With the tightening of the grip on the teen age draftees, many of the boys who only recently turned pro, winners of Golden Gloves tournaments, were inducted during the past month and will continue to join the ranks of the service men from now on in greater numbers. The list of pro boxers in the armed forces as of June 1, has jumped to 4801 and the casualties reported in deaths, wounded and missing in action has reached more than 1000.

Thus boxing remains the sport that has furnished more men

Marine First Lieutenant David A. Brown, torpedo bomber pilot.

for the war than any other branch of athletics and with football has suffered most. Many boxers have been decorated for gallantry.

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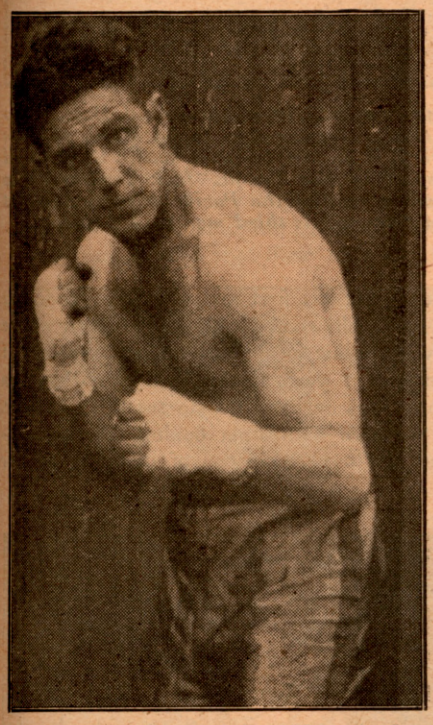
Pat Kissinger, Kansas City's star who was the first boxer captured by the Japs, has lost his brother Edmund, a para-



Murray R. Sellers of Brooklyn, featherweight champ of the 325th Reconnaissance Wing.

trooper who was killed in action in Germany in his first jump. The whereabouts of Pat is unknown. Nothing has been heard about him since two years ago when he was captured. Both Pat and Edmund were good boxers.

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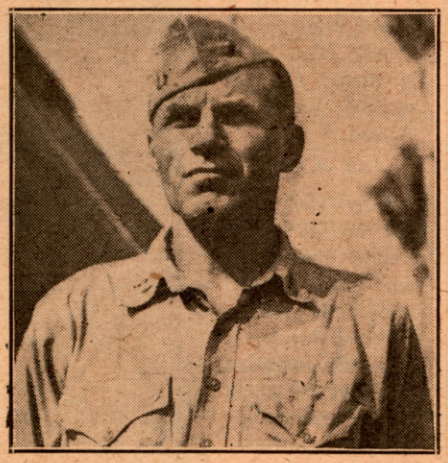
Marine Corp. Kenneth S. Johnson of Somerton, Ariz., who won a regimental heavyweight boxing championship while in the Pacific with the Leathernecks, has been returned to the States after 28 months of duty on New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima.

He now is under contract to Corp. M. M. (K.O.) Janic, former trainer of Max and Buddy Baer, to fight professionally after the war.



Capt. Thomas E. Cowell, Marine air wing fighter, former star amateur boxer.

Cpl. Leo Matriciani of Baltimore, winner of European service title.

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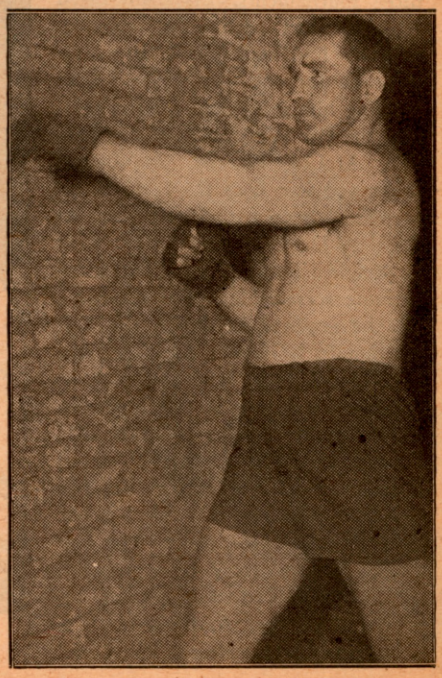
Pvt. Peter L. Rogers, heavyweight of an Aviation Engineer Battalion in Italy.

ARMY officials on the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii have issued instructions that henceforth no soldier may participate in any commercial bout and that his activities as a boxer must be confined to army camps or benefit performances for which special permission has been granted. This follows in the footsteps of the Navy which for more than a year has frowned upon outside competition. Members of the Air Force are not included in this ruling.

The change came as a result of the refusal of many star boxers to take part

Sgt. Sal Scornavacca, winner of Army-Navy boxing crown.

in camp affairs for the benefit of the personnel because they felt that they could receive good compensation for a similar appearance in a professional club within hailing distance of such camp. One of the few pro fighters of note who has appeared for the entertainment of his mates at practically every show staged at his camp, is Buddy Garcia.



Charlie Macli, a Combat Engineer with the Fifth Army, a middleweight with a fine record.

Joe Louis' next assignment after he returns from his tour of the Northwest, will be the Pacific area. He is slated to go to the Pacific Islands this summer. At this writing Joe is in Alaska.

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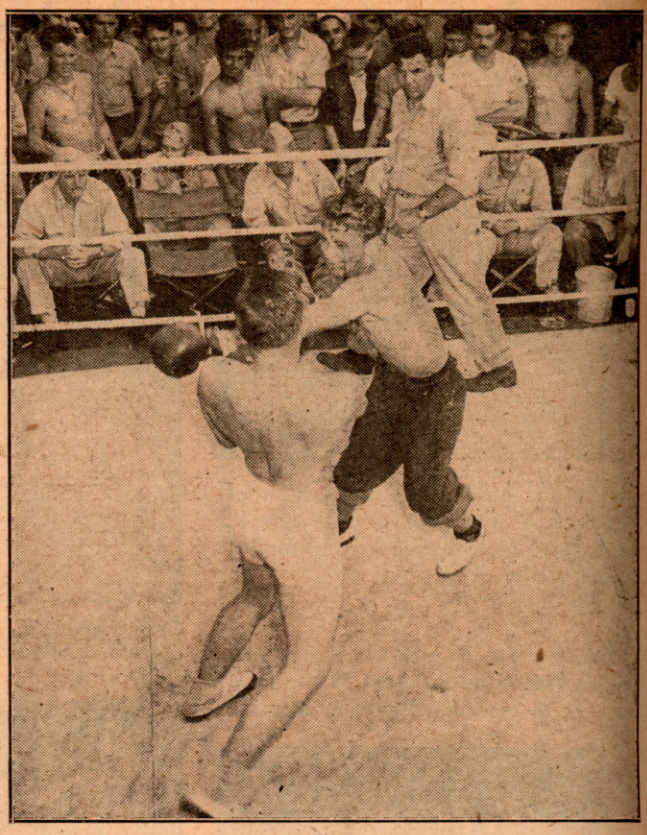
Billy Conn has put on so much weight that those who have watched him recently in training, say he is slow and awkward and that he would be an easy target for Joe Louis were they to meet today. What Billy needs most to whip Joe when they clash again, will be speed and he won't have that if he is overweight.

And now for short sketches of men in the service:



Coast Guardsman Emil Horton, S/1c, of Springfield, Mass., misses a left aimed at the chin of Marine Pfc. David Marsh (back to camera) of Silver Creek, Wash., in a bout aboard a Coast Guard manned troop transport in the Pacific. Jack Dempsey, who recently returned from a tour of the Pacific bases and was at the landing at Okinawa, is third man in the ring.

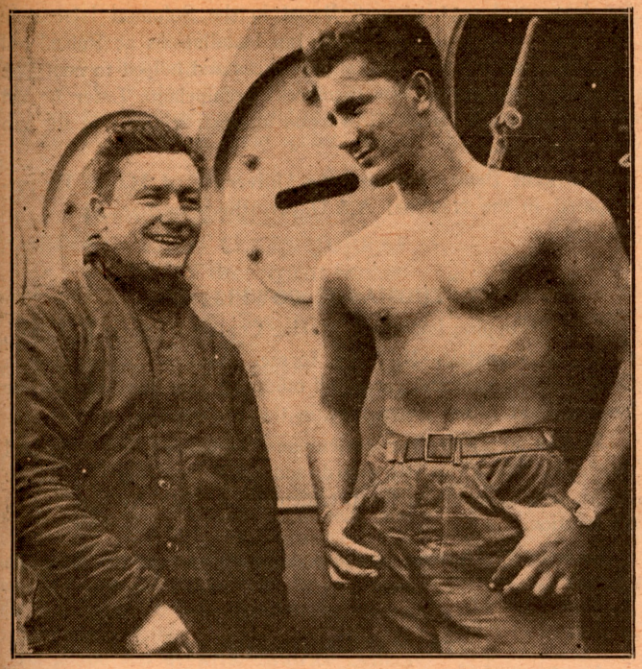
OF all the Southern California boxers in the service, there probably is no other as greatly missed by Los Angeles boxing fans as Jackie McCoy. A colorful youngster, Jackie was one of the cleverest and most promising boxers on the Coast. In 1942 he shared the honors with John Thomas of being "the two best prospects in California." McCoy, a member of the famed little Southwest Arena, had engaged in 26 amateur bouts, without so much as (to quote his tutor, Harry Winkler) "getting his hair mussed."

During his 18 months of amateur boxing, McCoy was the winner of three tournaments. The baby-faced Irishman had been well schooled. Winkler had kept Jackie under instruction for one whole year before entering him in a contest. After winning the Far Western State's bantam title, McCoy entered professional ranks and won 6 of his 7 starts before signing up with Uncle Sam. At the time Jackie entered the big fight he weighed but 122, yet, in a dozen or more service bouts (he won them all) he engaged in during the first six months he was in the Navy, the poker-faced little Irishman took on opponents weighing up to 150 pounds.

McCoy, a member of the U.S. Navy, has been in the thick of it in the South Pacific for over two years, so, is due for a furlough home. And with the prospects of the war ending before many more months, all of Jackie's dreams are of his return to the ring. And will Los Angeles promoters welcome him back!

The night this kid fought his first and only six-rounder, he drew more fans to the Hollywood Stadium than both of the main-eventers. And were Jackie to appear in a prelim at one of the Los Angeles arenas next week, there would be no less than two thousand additional fans on hand just to see this youngster. Yes sir, as far as Southern California boxing fans are concerned, he is the real McCoy! He is one of the most popular boys on the Pacific Coast.

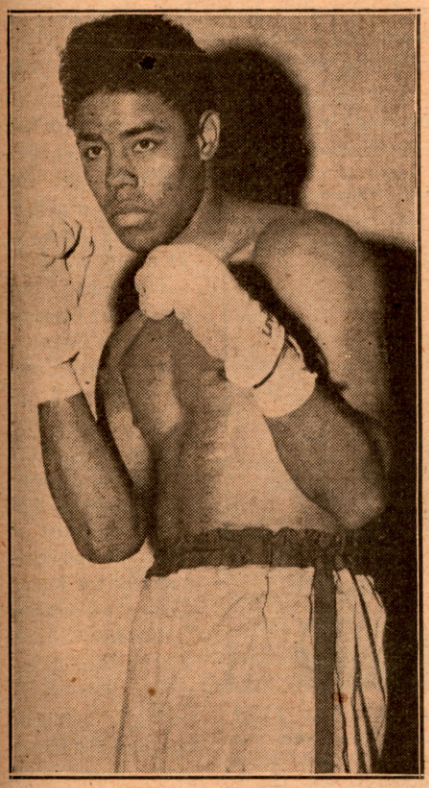
Peter Sisko, one of first Americans to box a Japanese, purchasing brooms for his outfit Somewhere in China.



Coast Guardsman Frank Zezima of Stamford, Conn., and Pfc. Alphonse J. Toczko of New Britain, Conn., swap yarns aboard a Coast Guard manned LST which took part in the invasion of Okinawa. Zezima, former lightweight, won 32 out of 34 bouts in New York, and Toczko, a Marine, was a former amateur boxer of note.

PANCHO DE LA CRUZ

TO be the boxing champion among a group of only a few thousand humans may not sound so impressive, but, when advised that those few thousands consisted only of young men living a hard life, well, that puts a different light on it. And when further enlightened that these men are not only of the Marine Corps, but, are the hell - for - fighting veterans of Tarawa and other South Pacific invasions, well, that's something!



Pvt. Frank Berrios, 19-year-old heavyweight from Hamilton Field, California. He has been a sensation on the Coast, where he won the Golden Gloves final.

So, dear reader, I give you Corp. Francisco (Pancho) De La Cruz of the famed Second Marine Division, winner of the heavyweight title in a Marine Corps championship tournament staged in the South Pacific last year. And Pancho was presented with the championship trophy by Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Watson personally.

This big baby-faced Mexican is of Los Angeles, where he was developed in the amateur rings under the guidance of Frankie Garcia, former featherweight star. De La Cruz was born in San Diego. He is 23 years of age. He engaged in 26 amateur bouts and 12 professional contests before entering the service. Pancho lost but two of the pro fights, being decisioned by Connie Norden and Martin Goldberg, better than average heavies.

There is 225 pounds of Pancho, although most of this avoirdupois is in the waist and legs. (No, smarty, the government's appeal for fats had nothing to do with Pancho's enlistment.) De La Cruz is often referred to as "The Mexican Tony Galento" because of his beer-barrel proportions. But don't be deceived. He doesn't move around as that much "lard" would be expected to move. Fact is, he is fast as a lightweight on his feet and is a really clever boxer.

If this big Mexican youth can keep his rotund torso out of the path of Jap bullets for a while longer, Manager Frankie Garcia will probably make some money with this roly-poly leatherneck after the shootin' is over.

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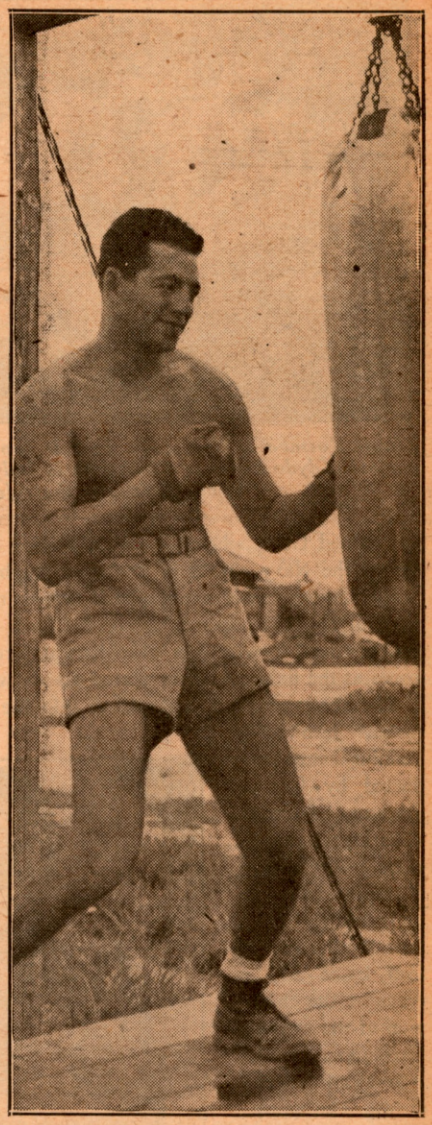
LOUIS RUYBALID

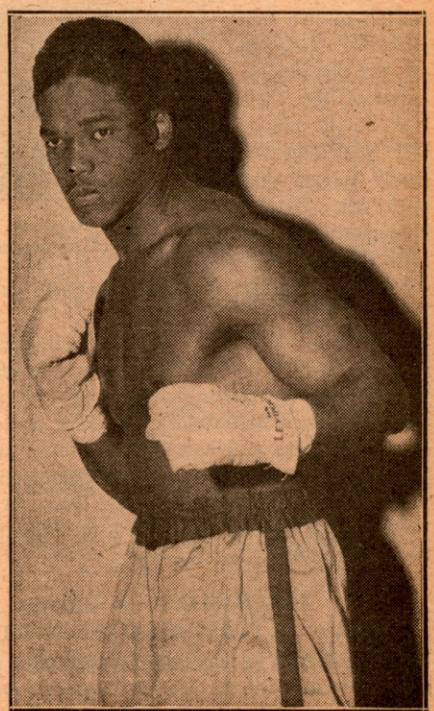
LOUIS RUYBALID has taken the championship in the lightweight division of the all-service tournament in the Marianas.

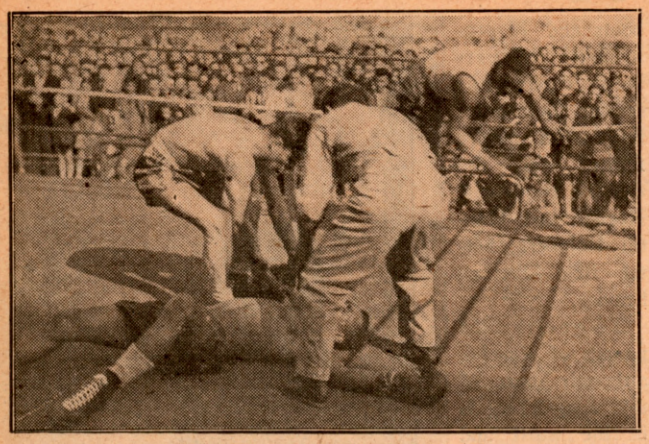
Ruybalid took a bruising four-round battle from a Negro

Pvt. Walter Scott, middleweight from Hamilton Field, California, a 1945 Golden Gloves winner. He is a two-fisted fighter with a good record. He is 21 years old.



S/Sgt. Jack Markson of the U. S. Marines, who displayed ability as a boxer in bouts overseas. He is one of the stars of the Leathernecks.



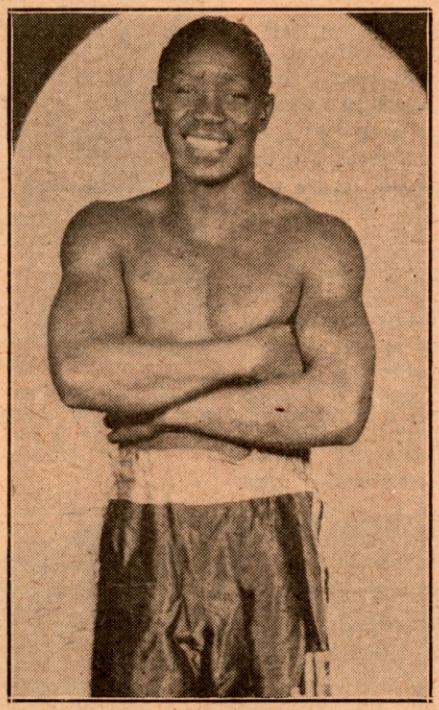


Vinnie Rossano of New York, back in top form, scores a knockout over Clyde Baker of Pittsburgh in Italy in the second round. Frank Milano is the referee.

lad named Grey, who was also a Marine champion and had defeated the Navy champ of the area. Ruybalid is in the Seabees.

Electing to slug it out, Ruybalid had his opponent back-pedaling most of the way and put him on the deck for a six count in the fourth round to win by a wide margin. Grey was hanging on the ropes at the finish. A silver plated plaque was awarded the victor.

The achievement sent Ruybalid into the big time for it "promoted" him to a training camp conducted by George Abrams, former American professional lightweight champion, where he will train for a tour of other American bases and a crack at the champion of the western Carolinas for the Forward Area crown. The winner of that scrap will be flown to Pearl Harbor to box for the Pacific title.



Sgt. Jimmy Reddick, stationed at Amarillo, Tex., one of the outstanding boxers in the army. He is a former Golden Gloves champ and was an instructor at Keesler Field.

Ruybalid, attached to the 13th Special Battalion of the Seabees, captured the Central Pacific crown last year and recently topped that with the Seabee championship.

His full name is Louis Arthur Ruybalid and he is twenty years old. He has been associating with boxing and boxers since he was a child. He has had thirty-one fights in the service, of which he won thirty, lost one and scored seven knockouts. He would like very much to turn pro after the war. He has fought some very good boys, numbered among those are, Frankie Marrone, the 2nd and 3rd Marine Division Champion. He defeated him in 4 rounds, Wally Tuggles, Pacific Ocean Area Army Champion, to whom he lost his only fight, an exhibition with Joe Bernal, former headliner.

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1ST LT. DAVID A. BROWN, U.S.M.C.

MARINE FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID A. BROWN, 23-year-old torpedo bomber pilot of Wollaston, Mass., who has returned to the Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar, Calif., for leave and reassignment. Based in the Solomon Islands, he and his squadron mates blasted Jap installations at Rabaul and Kavieng, bombing runways, supply areas and helped to neutralize Japanese airpower in the Bismarck Archipelago. Later he and his squadron flew from Tinian and also participated in the Iwo Jima operation.

Lieutenant Brown attended the University of Maine. He participated in the National A.A.U. wrestling tournament.

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CAPT. THOMAS E. COWELL, U.S.M.C.

IN the Philippine Islands, is Marine Captain Thomas E. Cowell, 44, of Scarsdale, N. Y., a former amateur boxer. Captain Cowell is adjutant and personnel officer of this First Marine Air Wing fighter group somewhere in the Philippines.

He was an all-around athlete and specialized in boxing and swimming. He was a life guard, and before entering the Marine Corps, was assistant to the president of a Fifth Avenue, N. Y., corporation.

His wife, the former Florence Allyn, resides at the Scarsdale address.

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SGT. "SAL" SCORNAVACCA

FEATHERWEIGHT champion of Pacific Ocean Areas, including the Marshall, Gilbert, Marianas, and Palau Islands and the South Central Pacific Base Commands, is Sergeant Salvatore Scornavacca, Newark, N. J., who won his Army-Navy title by defeating two soldiers and a Marine before 25,000 fans at Honolulu finals. Sensation of the Hawaii tournament, Scornavacca, 27 years old, has his fists pointed toward the professional ranks once he hits the States. Beginning his amateur career at 20, Sal held the New Jersey A.A.U. championship in the 126-pound class from 1938-40 inclusive, won runner-up spot in the South Pacific eliminations at Guadalcanal on Christmas Day, 1943, and repeated the performance a year later at "the 'Canal."

Since then, the power-laden feather hasn't lost a bout and he's taken all comers at boxing-mad New Caledonia at nearly the rate of one a week. He won the South Pacific crown in late March.

Sal will tell you quite candidly, "I'm willing to bet I don't lose again from here on. I'm near my peak, but I don't think I've reached it yet. The way I figure it, I can fight until I'm 35 at my weight."

"Irish" Jim O'Rourke, Hamilton Field, California, middleweight, voted the outstanding performer in recent Golden Gloves tournament on the Pacific Coast. He is 22 years old.

He's had two years of overseas service as first cook in an ordnance outfit and, until recently, was stationed on New Caledonia, French-owned colony 1000 miles northeast of Australia and headquarters for Major General Frederick Gilbreath's South Pacific Base Command. The curly-haired southpaw has more than three years of soldiering behind him.

"I don't want to get out of uniform until it's all over," he says, "but if I could get back to the States in a year I could fight professionally until I'm discharged."

Sal's most effective punch is a short, fast, lethal left hook.

Lieutenant Jule A. Medwin, Island Special Service athletic officer and former Virginia Polytechnic Institute head boxing coach, calls him "a master at in-fighting particularly because his punches travel rapidly and at a distance of six or eight inches at the most."

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MURRAY R. SELLERS

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MURRAY R. SELLERS of Brooklyn, is featherweight boxing champion of the 325th Reconnaissance Wing in England. Former composite command champion, he has boxed throughout the United Kingdom with the Billy Conn show, putting on exhibitions with the Eighth Air Force featherweight and welterweight champions to aid the War Bond Drive.

On the serious side of the war, Sellers is an airplane mechanic, repairing and maintaining B-17 Flying Fortresses, aircraft that fly lone weather reconnaissance missions over the North Atlantic to gather data for future air and ground operations against the enemy.

He is the son of Mrs. Beatrice Sellers of Brooklyn. Pfc. Sellers is married. He attended Textile High School and was a bricklayer before entering the army in September, 1942. Completing aircraft mechanic's school at Amarillo, Texas, he has been overseas since June, 1943.

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CPL. LEO MATRICIANI

CORPORAL LEO MATRICIANI of Baltimore, Md., beat Corporal Willard Reed of Indianapolis, former Golden Gloves champion, in the the final of the U. S. Armed Forces tournament and won the European championship.

Since he has joined the armed forces nearly two and a half years ago, he has taken part in 21 Army bouts and has won them all, which is some record for a rising young heavyweight. Five bouts took place in Florida, two in Ireland and 14 in England.

He has the honor of having boxed three world's champions—Joe Louis, Billy Conn, and Freddie Mills, the English title holder. He appeared in over a hundred bouts in England, Paris, Italy, Ireland, Africa, on this tour.

He has been boxing since 1939. Leo also has two brothers in service, Steve and Frank Matriciani. They are stationed somewhere in India.

Leo has a big display of gold and silver medals, also loving cups, which he won in England. He also has many from the U. S.

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PETER L. ROGERS

PRIVATE PETER L. ROGERS, 28, of Frackville, Pa., dishes out food in the kitchen of an aviation engineer battalion, with the Army Air Force Engineer Command in Italy, but he is just as adept at dishing out leather while inside the boxing ring. The 205-pound, stocky engineer is such a formidable opponent, that the hardest part of his boxing in Italy is finding someone to climb into the ring with him. It was the same way in North Africa.

Rogers didn't start fighting overseas until after he left England.

Due to a shortage of opposition he fought only two three-round bouts in Africa. In the first one he knocked out an RAF sergeant in the first round, and later he fought to a draw with a soldier from Scotland.

In Italy, Rogers still has trouble getting opposition, but he has one steady customer in Virgi Pesrenini, an Italian heavyweight champ. They have had four bouts.

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CHARLIE MACLI

A RECENT arrival from the 5th Army on the Army Rotation Plan, is the former popular middleweight boxer from New York City, Charlie Macli. As a combat engineer Macli saw considerable action with his outfit. In rest areas in the rear, Macli often boxed exhibitions when opponents were available, and on other occasions, he refereed and promoted boxing bouts for his fellows in arms.

Some of the well known boxers he fought before entering the Army, were Jake LaMotta, Tommy Campanello, Johnny Morris and Joe Lynch and others.

In the event of being released, Macli hopes to return to the roped arena. Macli is now stationed at England General Hospital, in the Army's new reconditioning program.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

PRO boxing clubs are expected to crop up in many small cities upstate during the next few months as various former promoters who have been out of action return to the game. A dearth of fighters because of the war is not fazing them. A great number of ring favorites with enough service points to enable them to receive honorable discharges following the war in Europe are planning to resume fistic warfare again.

Before long clubs will be operating once more in Auburn, Glens Falls, Utica, Watertown, Elmira and Albany. Buffalo, Rochester and Binghamton are already back in operation. Syracuse resumes with outdoor shows next month; while Rome, N. Y., with a big military as well as civilian population, is planning at least three cards outdoors at Colonels' Park. This will be good news for lovers of the manly art, as well as the state and government tax collectors.

Juan Serrano, Havana clouter, clicked in a big way at Binghamton by stopping Oscar Boyd of Buffalo in three rounds at Kalurah Temple. The go was scheduled for ten, Serrano being a last-minute sub.

Serrano went back on top at Bingo, May 30, defeating Al Jolson, Binghamton slugger, in ten rounds. Another newcomer to this neck of the woods, Charley Early, former Pacific Coast welter, now fighting out of Cleveland, amazed the fans by stopping rugged Joe Miller, Buffalo vet, in less than two minutes of the first round. The bout was billed for eight heats.

Other results at the Bingo club: Joey Kushner, hard-belting Syracuse featherweight, fighting in top form, knocked out Aster Rice, Binghamton, in the third with a left to the jaw. Listed for six, it was exciting while it lasted, with Jolting Joe looking like a million in the pink of condition. Hal Arrington, Binghamton, scored a T.K.O. over Piffy Citar, Binghamton welter, in the third. Citar suffered an eye cut. Eddie McGee, Syracuse middleweight, defeated Kelvin Smith, West Chenango, in a hard-fought four-round contest.

Armand DeMatteo of Syracuse, senior welterweight boxing champion of the Alaska Division, U.A.A.F., in 1944, lost to Cpl. Harry Drees, Milwaukee boxer, in a tournament title go in Edmonton, Alaska. Although DeMatteo outboxed Drees for three rounds, the officials ruled in favor of the Milwaukee boy because he packed more power in his punches. S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, refereed the scrap.

Left-Hooks—Jimmy Jackson, former crack feather, is now a buyer for a local downtown department store . . . . Lawrence Skiddy, sports editor of the Syracuse *Herald-Journal*, spent his vacation in the hospital undergoing treatment for an illness . . . . Irving Robbins, handler of the biggest stable of boxers upstate, is adding more scrappers to his list daily . . . . Frankie Adams, former central New York amateur lightweight champion, who was a prisoner of the Nazis, has been released . . . . William G. (Huckle) MacDonald, stepson of Tommy Bass, former local amateur maestro, was killed in combat on Mindanao . . . . Syracuse's auditorium will be erected on the old Putnam School site after the war, as a memorial to those who gave their lives for Freedom and Democracy.

If we failed to answer your letter, dear reader, please do not think ill of us . . . . Eventually we will get around to all of them . . . . Harold Victory is handling two slick amateur glove tossers in Tommy Hyands, a middleweight, and Bobby Slade, a lightweight . . . . Cozy Storace will enter the pro game as a middleweight after the big conflict in the South Pacific . . . . Ralph, Carmen and Joey DeJohn will earn some nifty purses in this sector when they return to civilian boxing.

Through the efforts of Henny Andrews, Paul DeBello is getting some nice publicity in the local dailies . . . . Henny is a master of ballyhoo and knows how to keep a fighter in the limelight . . . . Speaking of public relations, we have handled all the fight club publicity for this area for the past 25 years! . . . . Our pal, Jimmy Alpert, the apothecary, has named the winners in advance of the last five Madison Square Garden shows! . . . . Jimmy is fast becoming a Seer of Fisticuffing . . . . Pepe Cassillo, ever-popular Schenectady promoter, has resumed outdoor amateur cards in the Dorp City . . . . Pepe puts on his shows at the Erie Boulevard Arena.

When Jimmy Fittipaldi returns from the wars, he plans to put greater stress on boxing, as head physical instructor at the Y.M.C.A. . . . . Jimmy is an idol with those who know him and he has a legion of friends who keep in touch with him by mail, wherever he is . . . . Irv Robbins never fought in a boxing ring, but has a powerful physique that indicates Irving would be quite a problem if he lost his temper . . . . However, Irv is one of the most peaceful guys we know, seldom blows his top, and believes fighting is a business for fighters . . . . By remote control we hear Al Fredenberg, who used to box as "Young Leach Cross," is teaching the younger officers of the Syracuse Police Department the art of self-defense . . . . A smart move on the part of popular Police Chief Jack Kinney . . . . Bat Johnson, who fought them all, has a "gold mine" restaurant-grill on the North Side.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

LARRY ATKINS and Bob Brickman presented an excellent show May 9.

In the feature attraction scheduled for ten rounds, Tommy Bell, Youngstown welter, kayoed Chuck Hunter in the fifth round. The going was even until midway in the third when Bell opened. In the next two rounds Bell was magnificent, and there was no doubt as to the eventual winner. Chuck landed several good right hands, was game and willing, but Bell was on him every second with rights to the head and body.

In the eight-round semi-final Leroy Jackson, 128, hit too hard and forced too fast a pace for the speedy and clever Victor Flores, 129. A right to the jaw floored the Mexican in the second. He fought a defensive bout thereafter. Jackson looked much improved, particularly on the infighting.

Neva Esparza kayoed Johnny Dawson in the first. The Mexican lightweight looked good.

In another lightweight match, Leo Garret beat Johnny Virgo in the rubber match. This bout, like the first two, was excellent.

In the opening bout, Chuck Lloyd, 132, hit too hard for Gordon Hunt, 135, and scored a kayo in the fourth.

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In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

THE Upset Kid, Nick Moran, did it again! for the third time this year the Mexican boy with the Irish moniker has caused local boxing fans to talk in their sleep. Moran has caused considerable comment by the knockout victory over Bobby Yeager, and much commotion by holding John Thomas to a draw, but he greatly topped the other two surprises by winning over Bob Montgomery in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic.

Probably Montgomery was not at his best, but Moran certainly was at his best and deserves credit for the fast and courageous scrap he waged throughout. Nick boxed well, punched solidly and fought back unflinchingly while serving as the recipient of Montgomery's blasting body attack. It was a thrilling fight all the way, with Montgomery continually forcing the go and Moran shooting both hands to the head as Bob worked in to batter Nick about the body.

The ten thousand fans were brought to their feet in the very first round when Moran put Montgomery on the floor for a one-count with a two-fisted barrage to the head. The Negro came up off the floor fighting and they mixed it furiously for the rest of the round with the Mexican having much the better of it. Moran was a joy to his Latin following, for he was in tip-top condition and displayed a determination to win over the lightweight contender. After every session in which he was punished about the body by Montgomery's infighting, Nick would come back to shake up the Philadelphian with long-range punches to the head.

Moran was credited with six of the rounds, but the fight was really very close and the decision was a split one, Referee Charley Randolph and one judge tabbing Moran the winner by a slim margin, the other judge voted it a draw. Moran weighed 141; Montgomery, 140.

In the semi, Kid Lester, 157, San Diego Negro, brawled his way to a six-round decision over Larry Anzalone, 154, New York Italian.

In the four-rounders, Rosendo Trejho, 128, and Horace Leftwich, 128, drew; Val Valentino, 118, decisioned Augie Rodriguez, 117; Jimmy Shans, 145, bested Alonzo Williams, 153; Elmer Lewis, 145, won over Russ Long, 149.

Rusty Payne, 183, hard-hitting San Diego Negro, was feeling his oats in his clash with John Donnelly, 182, youthful Kansas City Negro boxer, and made short work of his less experienced foe. Rusty, who was anything but that, moved about nicely in the first round, causing Donnelly to miss his leads, while he punished John with short lefts and rights to the head. Payne finished off his opponent early in the second heat with a left hook to the jaw and a right to the body.

The preliminary scrappers were in a hurry also. In fact, the program was such a brief one that the customers had to stop in the taverns to scoop a couple of beers, or drop in for a game of pool, to make an evening of it.

Little Giant iced Henry Brier (1); Al Pittman knocked out Willow Pitt (2); Nate Gibson beat Tony Manos (4); Rookie Haymon disposed of Buddy Mathis (1).

Quite naturally, the victorious boxer almost always hums the tune of whatever the American Legion band is playing after any main event at the Hollywood Stadium. Although this famous band was playing "Gentry's Grand Entry" after the Bobby Yeager-Mike Delia contest, Yeager, the victor, was humming "My Lucky Star." Bobby had just been awarded a seventh round T.K.O. win over Delia and that was something to feel lucky over, for, up until the sixth round, Yeager had been on the receiving end of a lacing.

On this night the erratic Delia (in bad with both boxing fans and commission for a miserable showing several months ago) fought like a demon to redeem himself. Had he made this fight against Shans, he would have beaten Cleo easily. As this writer has said before, Delia could become one of the world's best lightweights, if he had less temperament and more ambition.

Delia came out full of fight and copped the first three rounds by good margins, hurting Yeager in the opening canto with a solid right to the jaw, and almost finishing the Negro boxer in the second round. Bobby was down for a nine-count from a hard right to the head and in trouble for the remainder of the round. Delia tried desperately for a knockout in the third and gave Bobby a severe shellacking for the full session.

The all-out effort slowed Delia up a bit and Yeager kept the next three rounds close by spearing the Italian with straight lefts and occasional rights at long range, although Mike gave Bobby a beating about the body whenever in close. They were fighting in close in the seventh—and it happened! Yeager nailed the Italian with a terrific right that gashed the bridge of his nose, causing the blood to spout so profusely that Referee Charley Randolph was forced to stop the go and award it to the Negro boy. Yeager weighed 137; Delia, 134.

In the semi, Edgar Robinson, 156, Phoenix (Ariz.), Negro, pounded out a decision over Joey Albino, 158, Portland (Ore.), in six action-packed rounds. Both were deposited on the canvas.

In the prelims, Morris Corona, 145, dumped Benny Black, 142, in the first round and Black was unable to answer the bell for the second heat; Allen Arnett, 175, decisioned Harry Wills, 177, in four; Eddie Sangster, 134, stopped Tony Mendez, 135, in the third; Jess Humble, 146, cooled Mickey Hearn, 147, in the second.

Don Lee, 149, Inglewood, surprised the betting boys by brawling his way to a ten-round decision over Petey Wheatstraw, 147, Los Angeles, at the Ocean Park Arena. Surprise Number 2 was that there were no knockdowns during the fracas, for Lee has a lantern chin and Wheatstraw packs dynamite in his right paw, while having some glass in his own chin.

Lee continually bored into the hard-punching Negro boy, piling up a decisive margin at infighting. The stout-hearted ex-soldier had no fears whatever of Petey's much-heralded wallop.

In remaining bouts, Tony Martin, 205, decisioned Steve Ludman, 195, in four; Chuck Edwards, 126, won from Paul Williams, 129, in four; Bob Hawkins, 160, bested Nate Gibson, 165, in four; Dave Gammage, 183, and Carlton Perry, 201, were declared even in two, because of an eye injury; Teddy Guerrero, 143, kayoed Cliff Driscoll, 146, in two.

Chester Slider may be a big-time attraction up around 'Frisco, but in his bout with Cecil Hudson at the Los Angeles Olympic, Chester was still the same calibre of scrapper that used to perform regularly in Southern California rings. The Fresno Negro was always a tough and busy fighter, but did not possess either the class or punch to win over first-class boxers. Hudson must have been very tired the night he lost to Slider at Oakland some months ago.

Cecil outboxed and outpunched Slider in every one of the ten rounds, and spilled him for a one-count in the fourth for good measure. The Los Angeles Negro boxer rained blows on every part of Chester's body and made him appear very amateurish by the manner in which he avoided the Fresno buzz-saw's efforts. Slider didn't land a single damaging punch on his cagey foe, for Hudson was hot on this night. Cecil moved about nicely and punched sharply. After bending Slider's knees with body blows in the fifth, Cecil eased up on his outclassed opponent until the final round, when he turned on the heat to belt Chester at will. Hudson weighed 151; Slider, 146.

In the semi, Billy Latka, 154, Burbank policeman, defeated Edgar Robinson, 158, Phoenix, in a hard-fought six-rounder. Robinson was dropped by the cop for a nine-count in the second.

Results of four-rounders: Val Valentino, 118, and Benny Cousins, 115, drew; Jack Butler, 179, knocked out Leonard Nix, 175, in two; Elliott Beckman, 198, whipped Hank Morris, 205; Benny Black, 142, and Russ Long, 149, ended up even.

Probably Sgt. Gaston Miller of the Army Air Force should stick to his flying, as he is being grounded too often in his ring contests these days. He is not showing as much stuff as he displayed against such boxers as Kenny Watkins, Tommy Garland and Babe Edwards a year ago. If rated on his ring performances, I fear that the Sarge would have lost a couple of his stripes. His most recent defeat was at the hands of Titus Hawkins at the San Diego Coliseum.

Hawkins pounded Miller into submission in eight rounds, winning by a T.K.O. in the ninth, when the soldier failed to answer the bell. It was a vicious scrap for six rounds, for, although the San Diego Negro was far in the lead, the game, hard-hitting Miller was dangerous. However, Gaston ran out of gas and receipted for an unmerciful beating in the seventh and eighth rounds, being on the verge of collapse at the finish. Hawkins weighed 169; Miller, 170.

Other results: Herman Graves, El Centro, whipped Reecy Davis, Houston, Tex., in a six-rounder, having the Texas Negro down in the third; Hank Darby won over Kid Lester in a six-rounder, spilling the Kid in the first heat; Joey Curtis decisioned Ray Parker in four; Jackie Carter nodded Tony Manos in four.

Enrique Bolanos, the big-beaked bell-hop of Mexico City, got over his first hurdle as a lightweight by trouncing Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. (Incidentally, his opponent came in weighing little above the featherweight limit.) Bolanos, a clever, elusive boxer, used his head to cop six of the rounds by varying his attack, first, jabbing and hooking to the head with lefts, next, concentrating his attack to his opponent's body.

Hudson, a good puncher, came close to upsetting Enrique in the opening canto with solid rights to the head. Bolanos really laid it on Eddie in the fifth, having the Frisco boxer on dizzy street much of the time, but couldn't deck him. Hudson fought with a vengeance in the sixth, during which round he opened a cut over the Mexican's right eye.

Bolanos put on a two-fisted barrage in the seventh which kept Eddie on the defensive most of the time. The decision of Referee Bill Kershner and both judges was unanimous, Hudson being credited with but three of the rounds. Bolanos weighed 132; Hudson, 130.

In the semi, Shamus McCray, 136, stopped Pancho Ramirez, 136, in the fourth round after flooring him three times.

In the four-rounders: Morris Corona, 146, rocked Jess Humble, 142, to sleep in the second; Ran Jackson, 159, and Willie Collins, 158, were tossed out of the ring in the second round for not trying; Jimmy Edwards, 156, and Bud Singleton, 162, drew; Benny Black, 142, decisioned Teddy Guerrero, 142.

Baby Yucatan, 145, rough and tough Mexican, battered out a fourth-round knockout victory over Everette Rightmire, 143, Sioux City (Ia.) veteran, in a scheduled ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. After being outboxed in the first two rounds, Yucatan came on in the third with a blistering attack to drop Rightmire for a four-count just before the bell. The Mexican kept up his non-stop bombardment in the fourth and when Everette hit the deck for the second time in this heat, Referee Benny Whitman stopped the bout.

(Rightmire was a good boxer all during the years he was in his prime, but it is the clever boxers who take the worst beatings when they remain in the game too long. Everette should give it some thought.)

In remaining bouts, Ray Acosta, 168, defeated Al Williams, 165 (4); Ralph Lee, 160, nodded Art Taylor, 168 (4); Pete Louis, 124, and Horace Leftwich, 128, drew (4); Tommy Thomas, 164, knocked out Clint Campbell, 158 (2); Teddy Guerrero, 142, eliminated Levi Board, 141 (2).

The advance notices stated that Buddy Thomas, Washington, D. C., Negro, had never been knocked out, although he had engaged in 97 contests. Could be! He had never met Fitzie Fitzpatrick. Oh, well, it's good experience, for, Thomas might never have known how it feels to be belted into the Land of Nod, had he not opposed the destructive Irishman. And Thomas didn't have to serve long as a subject to get the experience either. Fitzie made the demonstration in just 1:39 of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic.

Fitzpatrick, as usual, came out of his corner à la Dempsey, and fifteen seconds later Thomas hit the deck from a right on the jaw. The Negro arose at the count of nine and attempted to fight back, but Fitzie swarmed all over him, tossing punches from every angle. Thomas managed to get out in the open once or twice, but before he could do any punching on his own time, Fitzie nailed him with a terrific left hook on the button. Referee Frankie Van terminated the contest ten seconds later, but it was two minutes more before Thomas could say, "What did he hit me with?" Fitzpatrick came in at 170, Thomas went out at 177.

Other results: Nolan Sharp, 187, chilled Steve Ludman, 188, in the second round of the semi-windup. A right to the jaw put the ex-captain away for the evening; Robert Earl, 139, decisioned Elmer Lewis, 145, in four; Little Giant, 127, knocked out Chuck Edwards, 127, in the fourth; Tommy Lopez, 147, stopped Tommy Lee, 151, in two; Bud Singleton, 161, beat Alonzo Williams, 155, in the four-round opener.

It would be difficult to convince San Diego boxing fans that Buddy Millard isn't just about the best heavy in California. And he probably is. (Elmer Ray and Al Hart are out of the state.) The Indianapolis Negro was very impressive in punching out a win over Rusty Payne at the Coliseum, in a torrid scrap that was labeled the best fight of the year. Each tried for a kayo win from the first bell and the go became more furious as the rounds went by.

Payne was down for a nine-count in the third, and Millard was credited with nine of the rounds, yet, the fight was not one-sided, for Buddy's margins were narrow and Rusty was always dangerous. Payne almost pulled the fight out of the fire in his big round—the ninth. He stunned Millard with a pulverizing right on the jaw and then plastered him for the balance of the round. Buddy was reeling at the bell, and was bleeding from the nose and cut lips, but he came out for the final round fully revived and added this tenth heat to the other eight that he had won. Millard weighed 182; Payne, 184.

In the prelims, Al Pittman was awarded the decision over Art Taylor in six rounds; Torpedo Reed nodded Joey Curtis in six; Billy Williams won by a T.K.O. over Willow Pitt in the first round.

Benny Goldberg, Jewish southpaw of Detroit, again proved himself just about the Number 1 challenger for Manuel Ortiz's "frozen" title by

copping the ten-round decision over Luis Castillo of Mexico, at the Hollywood Stadium. It was a repetition of their bout one year ago. The cagey Hebrew kept the stocky little Mexican at arms' length most of the way, and then took leave every time the husky Aztec got inside his extended right.

Castillo was easy prey for the foxy, fleet-footed Detroiter, who was credited with seven of the rounds. Castillo is an aggressive little battler with a heavy wallop, but such a sawed-off little guy that he can rarely get to the opponents who will not stand and slug with him, as Ortiz did. The crowd pulled so strongly for the lil' Mex, that Goldberg was goaded into mixing it at close quarters with the Toy Battleship on a few occasions, and Benny proved the best at the infighting, but in most cases, the pale-faced southpaw beat it to other parts when Luis heaved the heavy ones. The decision to Goldberg was unanimous, as were the boos of the crowd. Each weighed 118.

In remaining bouts: Hugh Stell, 148, decked Moby Beceril, 148, three times in the first round and finished him in the second; Al Miller, 132, outpunched Rosendo Trejho, 126, in four; Ralph Lee, 162, decisioned Bud Singleton, 161, in four; Gil Gonzales, 141, beat Billy Hayman, 138, in four; J. Q. Jackson, 186, whipped Al Timmons, 181, in four.

Don Lee, 148, Inglewood, battled his way to a ten-round win over Bob Farris, 149, Los Angeles Negro, at the Ocean Park Arena. Lee's bulldog tenacity overcame the Negro boxer's jabbing and the ex-Army champ weakened Farris with continuous punching to the midsection. Farris opened a cut over Don's right eye in the second.

In supporting bouts: Ray Acosta, 170, won handily over Harry Wills, 174, in the four-round semi; Elmer Lewis, 142, defeated Shamus McCray, 140, in four; Louis Mosely, 154, won by a T.K.O. over Billy Jones, 153, in the opening canto; Augie Rodriguez, 116, decisioned Jay Jans, 117, in four; Reuben Heredia, 124, stopped Mike Grimaldo, 122, in the third.

Dear Reader, just skip this paragraph and drop down to the next one, which will be a report of some fight. (I am about to take out time to brag a bit, and I know how painful it is to read a guy's "I told you so" stuff.

I am rather pleased with the opinions I had of certain boxers after their performances during the past month. First, I have always touted Archie Moore as one of the best fighters in the world. I have written more than once that he would have been champion had it not been for illness and managerial difficulties. Moore proved his real ability by beating Lloyd Marshall in a great scrap last month. . . . Last year I rated Billy Smith (then practically unknown) among the best light-heavies on the Coast. He has just won the state title. . . . I had never considered Watson Jones very highly, even though he went the distance with Jimmy Bevins and stopped Fitzie Fitzpatrick. I stated that there were at least three middleweights around here who could beat him handily. Jack Chase proved it. . . . I couldn't see Chester Slider as anything more than just another fighter. (I was criticized for not listing him as one of the Coast's best welterweights.) Cecil Hudson made him look like an amateur last month. . . . I named Morris Corona as the best of the amateur boxers out here, and predicted his making good if and when, he entered pro ranks. He is more than living up to my predictions. . . . Now I wish that Freddie Dixon (before he gets too old) would get a crack at one of the topnotchers to prove that I am right or wrong in my opinion of him. I believe him to be one of the three best welterweights in the world. No, neither Jimmy McDaniels, nor Jimmy Doyle is California's best welter. Dixon is the one.

(Yeah, I know, there probably isn't anyone who gives a damn about my opinion of these boxers. But, gee, I feel a lot better with it off my chest.)

Manuel Sierra of Cuba proved rather easy pickings for Cleo Shans, Brawley (Calif.) Negro, in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. The slim Cuban displayed little else but gameness, not proving very rugged or packing much of a punch. Shans, making his busy, two-fisted fight, backed Sierra all over the ring and floored Manuel three times in the sixth round, to have the bout stopped.

Shans won the opening round with punches to the head, and put the Cuban in the resin for a nine-count in the second. Sierra garnered the next two heats by putting on a blitzrieg, but his blows didn't carry much authority and didn't slow the Negro fighter down to any extent. Shans gave Sierra a severe beating about the body in the fifth, and Manuel came out for the sixth frame so exhausted that it didn't require much to floor him. After the third trip to the canvas, Referee Benny Whitman raised Cleo's glove. Shans weighed 138; Sierra, 136.

In the semi, Chino Carvajal, 131, Tia Juana, Mexican, won all six rounds over Bert White, 126, Chicago Negro.

In the four-rounders, Hugh Stell, 147, chilled Russ Long, 150 (1); Shamus McCray, 140, decisioned Gil Gonzales, 143 (4); Walter Huston, 137, won by a T.K.O. over Bobby Taylor, 141 (1); Billy Hayman, 138, nodded Teddy Guerrero, 142.

Jack Chase, making a return to the ring after a short layoff due to managerial difficulties, knocked out Titus Hawkins in the fifth round at the San Diego Coliseum. And judging by his weight, Chase has not been missing any meals or worrying a great deal, for Jack scaled 169, about ten pounds over his normal weight. And for Hawkins, it can be said that he has no fear of reputations, for the San Diego Negro tore into Chase as though the former state champion were a pushover.

Chase floored Hawkins three times before he laid him out for keeps, but despite the knockdowns, the fight was not so one-sided. Titus was dumped the first time in the second round from a right to the whiskers. He came out for the third full of fight and scored with a number of straight lefts, but was decked twice more before the round was over. Hawkins sailed into Chase with flying fists again in the fourth and Jack was forced to fight fast and hard to hold him off. They were slugging merrily in the fifth, when of a sudden a whistling left hook to the jaw rocked Mr. Hawkins into slumberland.

Other results: Benny Cousins, 116, Los Angeles, decisioned Pancho Arizmendi of Mexico, in six; Al Moreno bested Ramiro Lopez in six; Billy Williams knocked out Manuel Robles in two; J. D. Spencer disposed of Tony Manos in two.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Los Angeles Olympic, gave Don Lee, the ex-soldier of Inglewood, the opportunity to do his stuff at the big downtown club, and Don did all right for himself by winning nine of the ten rounds from Baby Yucatan of Mexico. Lee is an aggressive, two-fisted gamester who will never fail to make a fight of it against any type of opponent, but, his bigtime debut was not too impressive, for Don doesn't pack a punch to excite the crowd, and his opponent displayed little else but gameness. In fact, Lee has beaten better boxers at the smaller clubs.

Lee kept charging in and rained blows on Yucatan at will. The Mexican played the part of the perfect "catcher," making little attempt to block the punches, or toss any of his own. Only on rare occasions did Yucatan make any real effort to overcome his foe, but when the Baby did put on these infrequent spurts, he really slowed the ex-sergeant down, for, the Mexican hits solidly. But Lee is a toughie and the instant that Yucatan would relax his brief offensive, Don would go right back in action with both fists. Lee weighed 150; Yucatan, 146.

In another scheduled ten-rounder, Johnny Haynes, 212, made short work of Nolan Sharp, 187, stopping him in 1:21 of the opening round. The big Negro started swinging at the bell and Sharp was soon drapped over the ropes from a hard right to the jaw. Haynes was lambasting his weakened foe unmercifully when Referee Frankie Dolan halted it.

In four four-rounders, Frankie Calzo, 162, received a lucky draw with Ralph Lee, 158; Jack Butler, 177, and Harry Wills, 175, drew; Tony Martin, 207, nodded Elliot Beckman, 195; Alonzo Williams, 153, and Willie Collins, 157, went to another draw. (Some of these pairings must be booked by the year.)

With some of the World War I veterans fighting in this war, it doesn't seem so startling that such fistic vets as Mike Belloise, Everette Rightmire, Leon Zorrita, Georgie Hansford and Ray Acosta are still tossing leather around here. Yet, no real friend of theirs would advise it.

One of these vets, Mike Belloise of New York, added another victory to his long string of contests by stopping Mike Gamiere of Cleveland in the sixth round at the Ocean Park Arena. (And this Gamiere is no mere upstart either, the Mike of Cleveland being close to 28 years old, with 10 years' experience. But the Mike of New York is over 34, and has been boxing close to 15 years.) The boys, er—the men had been mixing it merrily for five rounds with Belloise having a shade the best of it. The New Yorker floored Gamiere twice for nine-counts with a series of lefts and rights to the head in the sixth, and when he dropped the groggy Clevelander for the third time with a right to the jaw, Referee Johnny Indrisano hoisted his glove without any further counting. Belloise weighed 137; Gamiere, 139.

Other results: Al Timmons, 179, decisioned John Sullivan, 172 (4); Pete Louis, 124, iced Chuck Edward, 129 (2); Benny Black, 141, and Will Jones, 138, drew (4); Jess Humble, 146, decisioned Baby Boniface, 148 (4); Richard Lamb, 150, stopped Louis Mosely, 156 (2).

Paulie Peters of San Francisco and Louie Wise of Los Angeles met at the Hollywood Stadium. The colorful Peters is a hot attraction at the Movie City arena. Wise is a good Negro boxer who was being granted his second chance at big club main-eventing. However, if one was to look in on the bout during any one of the first four rounds, they probably would have wondered why Peters, seemingly a rank prelim fighter, was pitted against Wise, a good main-eventer. And if Peters had Wise's chin and Wise had Peter's punch—that would have been the status of the contestants, but Paulie packs the wallop, and Louie has the weak jowls. So, their rating after this clash was the same as before the contest—Peters is still a Hollywood attraction, and Wise is back in the preliminary ranks.

For four rounds Wise hit Peters with everything in the books. While Paulie was merely going through the motions, the Wise man was laying on hooks, right-crosses and uppercuts. But apparently having finished with his star-gazing for the evening, and smarting under the punishment he had received, Peters started to really fight in the fifth and garnered his first round. He sent Louie to his corner in a wobbly condition from a clout on the jaw just as the bell rang. Peters tore into Wise in the sixth with a vengeance and had the Negro boy groggy from a left hook to the whiskers. Solid lefts and rights to the jaw stretched Louie for the full count. Peters weighed 159; Wise, 162.

In the semi, Lou Bernal, 131, whipped Bert White, 125, Chicago Negro, in a hard-fought six-rounder. Bernal floored White in the first round, dizzied him up in the second and belted him around handily in the sixth. The Negro boxer copped the third, fourth and fifth rounds by narrow margins.

In the four-rounders, Benny Cousins, 113, decisioned—guess who (?)—that's right—Augie Rodriguez, 111 (4); Ralph Lee, 158, bested Bob Hawkins, 157 (4); Shamus McCray, 140, won from Gil Gonzales, 141 (4); Alonzo Williams, 155, nodded Russ Long, 151 (4).

The second annual Marine Far West Coast boxing tournament was staged at the El Toro U.S.M.C. Air Station last month. The feature bout of the meet was between T/Sgt. Pete Breceda, 195, El Toro, and Melvin Cooper, 190, Santa Barbara Air Station. Breceda stopped Cooper in the third round.

Results in the other six divisions were as follows:

126—Dick Borja, Camp Miramar, decisioned Henry Chubbee, El Toro (3).

133—Gaines Selby, El Toro, decisioned Robert Stukey, El Toro (3).

140—Ray Klingmeyer, Camp Miramar, knocked out Harold Cornett, El Toro (3).

150—Cliff Patton, Camp Miramar, decisioned Charles Dobyns, El Toro (3).

160—Tommy Warren, Camp Miramar, T.K.O.'ed Nick Ragusano, Camp Miramar (2).

170—Joe Music, Camp Miramar, won by a T.K.O. over Albert Bush, El Toro (3).

Lest I Forget—Nick Moran's win over Bob Montgomery paid handsome dividends. It secured him an outdoor shot with the title claimant at Philadelphia, in which the Los Angeles boxer may drag down as much as 15 or 20 grand. . . . The next guy that whips Fitzie Fitzpatrick may get his hair pulled, for Fitzie has taken on a wife. . . . Jimmy Doyle and Manager Tony Palazola were back in L. A. for a visit, while waiting for a money shot in the east. . . . Charles Schuster has taken over management of Roman Starr and sent him east. I read that Schuster would like to pit him against such fighters as LaMotta, Dellicurti, Levine, etc. Lo, the poor Indian! Starr, a nice fellow personally, is a good club-fighter. . . . Ralph Mendoza, classy amateur welter of Santa Monica, who has been the hit of Southwest Arena shows in recent months, has entered pro ranks. . . . Donnie Maes and Ralph Lara, local lightweights, were fined and suspended for six months for their lackadaisical performance at San Diego. . . . California boxers are meeting one another in other states these days. Tony Olivera and Luis Castillo fought at Minneapolis, and Guy Serean met Jorge Morelia at Philadelphia. . . . It is rumored that Manuel Ortiz is soon to receive a medical discharge from the Army. Start running, Benny!

Earl Ward, Hawthorne, amateur middleweight, now in the Navy, fought at the Southwest Arena (L. A.) while home on furlough, and looked good in scoring a knockout over his opponent. Ward has been stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. . . . Lew Jenkins, former world's lightweight champion, a member of the Coast Guard and stationed at Alameda, intends to return to the ring as a welter after the war. . . . Kenny Watkins, promising Negro middleweight of Los Angeles, has received a medical discharge from the Army. . . . Herbie Hansford, a great crowd-pleasing featherweight of Los Angeles a few years ago, has been discharged from the Army and is to become a deputy sheriff. Herbie was twice wounded while a member of the Air Force. . . . Would like to hear of Guy Serean hanging up the mittens for he is about washed up, and facing such fighters as Danny Bartfield at this stage of the game isn't going to benefit his health any. . . . Chino Carvajal, a Tia Juana, Mex., youngster, recently out of the amateurs, is a very promising lightweight. . . . The death of Chief Evening Thunder, former lightweight of Los Angeles, was announced last month. The Indian boxer died of a heart attack.

Earl Ward, Bill Taylor, Danny O'Toole, Bobby Fusilier, Freddie Taylor and Glen Woods of the Navy, Sgt. John Gaynor of the Army Air Force, and Sgt. Bill Hoover of the Marine Corps, were in Los Angeles on furloughs during the month. All are members of the Southwest A. C. boxing team, and all came around to feast their eyes on the little Arena that they have missed so much in recent months.

Many of the California boxers have been active in other parts during the month. Here are most of the results of these out-of-state bouts:

Lou Nova decisioned Gunnar Barlund, 10, New York City.

Carlos Chavez dropped a decision to Lefty LaChance, 10, Savannah, Ga.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

SAN JOSE'S prize featherweight, Paul Rekayo, won a ten-round decision over Jackie Callura, ex-N.B.A. 126-pound champion, in the headliner at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Paul recently changed his moniker from Reguejo to Rekayo. The pair went to a draw in Los Angeles a few weeks previous, although reports claimed "Fancy Pants" was robbed. He proved better by far in the return encounter.

Prelims follow: Tony Chavez, San Jose, won a T.K.O. over Tiger Burns, newcomer, in two rounds; Bobby Russell, Giometti's new pugilist, and Jess Quintana, lightweights, went four to a standstill; Al Rodriquez, lightweight, decisioned Sam Kaeikini, Honolulu, in four.

Blond baby-faced Bud Christman, Tommy Cello's fine Navy feather, banged out a fast decision over Vic Young, San Francisco, in ten rounds at Sacramento's L Street Arena.

Buddy had too much on the ball for Young, and won handily, even though the latter tried throughout.

Undercard: Pete Viratos, Greek welter, won the nod over Lee Henderson in six; Major Kagle won from Pete Herrera, middleweights, in four; Obie Wooten, fine-looking 175-pounder, dropped Duke Wright in two sessions; Bobby Russell, lightweight, kayoed Jess Quintana, in two.

Jackie Burke, San Francisco's hopeful as a lightweight, won a dull ten-round decision over Nolan Sharp, Los Angeles heavyweight, in the feature at National Hall. Burke, who hails from Pittsburgh, but has made Frisco his home, looked terrible scoring the win. Jackie usually outboxes his foes, but on this night even his left jab looked a little stale and he looked pitiful. Sharp, who had a twenty-pound pull in the weights, didn't do too much fighting, either.

Weights: Jackie, 172½; Nolan, 182.

In the semi: Eddie Halligan, 157, beat Cleve O'Kelley, 151, in six; Jess Flores, 138, a dandy prospect, stopped Billy Gibson, 133, in four; Tommy Marino, 132, defeated Joey Baroni, 130, in four.

Frankie Moore, clever Oakland Negro lightweight, made his first headliner a success by scoring a knockout over Billy Hale, Los Angeles Negro, in the tenth and final round at the Coliseum Bowl. Moore stepped in as a sub for ailing Ray Salas and proved too clever for his opponent.

Hale hit the deck in the eighth from a right to the jaw. Moore grabbed the first, fifth, seventh and ninth rounds by constant effort. A right to the jaw in the last few seconds ended the bout.

Weights: Moore, 135; Hale, 132. Moore also had reach over his game foe.

In the semi-final, Larry Carter, 160, southpaw, slugged his way to a kayo victory over Charlie Catos, 161, in the third of a savage melee. A left smacked over the eye dropped Catos for the count; Luther Johnson, 139½, decisioned Tony Neives, 146, in four; Tiger Burns, 139½, and Billy Russell, 138, drew in the opener.

Speedy Cannon, San Francisco Negro middleweight, and Rocky Luciano, San Jose, battled six to a draw in the feature attraction at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Cannon stepped in to sub for Pete Viratos at the last minute.

Jess Flores, unbeaten sensational glove-tosser, flattened Johnny Costa, Oakland Navy boy, in the opening round of a six-rounder. Costa hit the deck three times before the finisher. Jess Quintana, lightweight, kayoed Bobby Jackson in two rounds; Six Jones, middleweight, defeated Chuck Ross in four; Pert Ross, welterweight, kayoed Henry Anderson in four rounds.

Paul Lewis, Oakland's biggest gate attraction, scored a technical knockout over Jumping Joey Keyes, Los Angeles Negro, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round main-event at the Oakland Auditorium.

Lewis made a punching bag out of his opponent, battering him all over the ring before the fight was halted. Keyes never proved a suitable foe for Lewis. The Los Angeles boy tried hard, but got knocked from pillar to post. It was one of the most one-sided matches seen here in quite a while.

In the semi-windup, Abel Lucero, 135, Oakland, kayoed Billy Hayman, 135, Los Angeles lightweight, in two rounds of an eight-rounder. Hayman subbed for Paul Rekayo.

In a sixer, Billy Brent, 131, New Orleans, knocked out Vic Young, 133, San Francisco, in the final heat; Jess Flores, 140, Stockton, defeated Kid Bourgeoise, 141, Oakland, in four.

Promoter Frankie Scaler of National Hall gave $1019, an all time low, worth of customers, a show which not one would want to see again. Three elements provided the fans with a semblance of excitement. The ropes broke, the crowd's patience didn't, and no one could guess who was coming back for another fling at the art of fisticuffs.

In the top spot, Top Row Allen, 152, and Eddie Halligan, 152, tugged and mauled eight rounds to a draw.

The prelims: Tony Neives opened the card by knocking out Lee Walker in less than two minutes of the first; Andrew Chapman stopped Jimmy Williams in two heats; Neives returned for his second battle of the evening and was kayoed by Jess Flores in two; K. O. Brown knocked out Andrew Chapman, also fighting in his second match of the evening, in two rounds. He didn't have any better luck than Neives.

Oakland Billy Smith, New Eat Boy sensation, scored a lop-sided ten-round decision over Roy Miller, Henry Armstrong's rugged and game battler, in the top spot at the Coliseum Bowl.

For four rounds Miller managed to stay away from Smith's hard right-hand punches, even occasionally tagging the Oaklander with a sharp right.

With the fifth, Smith took charge. He dropped the Los Angeles Negro lad for seven seconds with a terrific right to the jaw. Miller arose at seven, but he went down again near the close of the round. He remained on the resin for eight seconds. It looked all over with Oakland Billy by far the better man; however, he slowed down and took it easy on his already battered rival.

In the ninth, Smith wobbled the ex-Kansas City Golden Glover with a right and hurt him time and again with body blows. Miller backpedaled to safety throughout the final counts.

Smith scaled 170; Miller, 166½.

Billy Harrison, Negro welter with a stiff punch, returned to this area and made a big hit with the fans by outslugging Larry Carter, popular southpaw slugger, in six rounds.

Harrison spotted his opponent eleven pounds and surprised all by winning. Both lads hit with damaging blows continually.

Speedy Cannon, 159, won over Obie Wooten, 168, by a knockout in the second of a sixer. The opener didn't show; Bobby Russell failed to appear for his bout with Jess Quintana.

Gross receipts were $1880.

Soldier Al Couture, promising young local lad, floored Chet Slider, Fresno's heat wave, twice in the final chapter to grab a ten-round draw in the headliner at the Oakland Auditorium.

Two months ago, the pair put on a Donnybrook with twelve knockdowns being registered and Slider getting his duke raised as the winner.

In the return bout, only two knockdowns were scored, both by Couture and both in the final round. However, Chet arose both times before Referee Frankie Brown could start a count.

Most critics thought Couture had the edge, but the arbiter had it 55 points apiece. This corner gave it to Al on the strength of his last-round rally. We charted it 56-54.

The opening four sessions saw the Soldier lad take the lead with some neat boxing. He employed an effective jab and hook. In the third, one of his best cantos, Al shook up his Negro foe with stinging left hooks to the jaw.

It was different in the fifth, sixth and seventh. Slider unlimbered and roughed the Maine battler badly in the clinches. Al looked slightly tired after a fast opening pace. Chet scored with body punches as well as short jolting blows to the head.

Getting a new lease on life in the eighth, Couture banged hard lefts and rights to Slider's jaw and midsection. In the ninth, the Fresnoan, a determined boy, smothered his rival with punches. He never took a back step throughout the fight.

Weights were Slider, 146; Couture, 148½. Gross receipts were $7737.25.

The preliminaries follow: Jack Potter, 173, won a kayo over Ira Hughes, 173, with a stiff left hook to the body in the final minute of the second round. Potter, who is as old as "Old Man River," still manages to turn in a win now and then. He looked rather "good" on this night; Cleve Kelley, 159, won a knockout over Eddie Munyer, 160, in the third; Matt Jiminez, 174, defeated Obie Wooten, 169, in six rounds; Peter Lakovich, 192, knocked Lloyd Michigan, 210, off his feet three times to score a technical kayo in the first.

Ross Romero, Livermore welter, returned to the ring wars after a short layoff to punch out a ten-round decision over Pedro Jiminez, Vallejo glove tosser, who's just starting to headline, at the National Hall. Romero made an aggressive two-fisted fight from the start to finish on top. On several occasions he had his foe glassy-eyed from a tom-tom-like body attack. There were no knockdowns. Ross won six of the ten rounds. Frankie Brown was the arbiter. The gate hit $1270. Romero weighed 146; Jiminez, 148.

In the semi-windup, Micky Gemmill, 144, returned after quite a layoff to score a popular win over Speedy Cannon, 152, in a smashing sixer; Billy Brent, 128, won a decision over Al Rodriquez, 126, in a sizzling six. In the opener, Tony Marino, 130, defeated Ace Williams, 134, in four.

Joe Robleto, Pasadena veteran, was a little lucky in winning a T.K.O. over Buddy Christman, Tommy Cello's fine-fighting feather, at the end of the eighth round of a tenner at the Coliseum Bowl. The bout was halted after the State commission doctor examined a bad cut over Christman's eye and recommended a halt.

Up to the time the battle was ended, little blond Buddy had a lead and was creating somewhat of an upset. He had an edge in four rounds, three even, and one to Joe. The local lad shook Robleto at least three times with hard right hooks to the jaw.

Here's the way this corner charted the affair, Christman took the first by a small margin, the second was even, the third went to the Navy lad by a good edge, the fourth was even, the fifth was even, the sixth and seventh went to Christman by a small edge, and the eighth went to Robleto by a fair edge.

The semi ended in the fifth, with Billy Harrison, 150, winning a technical knockout over Top Row Allen, 153, because of a badly cut lip. The two leather pushers really let the fur fly for five rounds with Allen copping two sessions and Harrison three.

For the second straight a bout failed to come off. In the opener Pert Ross, welterweight, was out in front until he caught a right square on the button and was kayoed. The winner with the elegant punch was a Negro lad named Henry Anderson.

Speedy Cannon, 160, San Francisco Negro middleweight, won a ten-round decision over Rocky Luciano, 163, San Jose, in the main event at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. It was a fast battle with fine toe-to-toe exchanges. Cannon scored the win, but not by too big a margin.

Prelims: Jess Flores, 140, won a T.K.O. over Tony Neives, 147, in the second of a sixer. Flores, a great prospect, had too much for little Neives; Parel Guerrero, 142, and Jess Quintana battled four to a draw; Sonny Perkins, 185, and K. O. Brown, 182, went four to a standstill in a good battle.

Bobby Zander, Wayne Douglas' promising heavyweight, made his San Francisco debut a success by scoring a surprise technical knockout in seven over Jackie Burke, Tommy Cello's Navy lad, at the National Hall.

Burke seems to be slipping. However, this Zander is a terrific belter and went over big with the fans at the little arena. He had Burke on the resin several times to punch over a sensational win. Burke scaled 172; Zander, 180.

Prelims: Jimmy Pernell, 155, a newcomer from New York, belted his way to a decision over Speedy Cannon, 153, in six. It was a fast, rough encounter; Sonny Perkins, 180, defeated K. O. Brown in four fast rounds; Jess Quintana, 138, won over Billy Seymour, 144, in the opener.

Chino Rodriquez, Los Angeles Mexican welterweight, scored a ten-heat decision over Billy Harrison, local lad making his debut as a main-eventer, at the Coliseum Bowl.

Harrison got his big chance by licking Larry Carter, and stopping Top Row Allen. However, on this eve the hard-hitting Frisco boy was so tense and so eager to make a fine showing that he up and lost. He failed to put forth his best efforts because of this and Chino's switch-hitting didn't help any. The clever Mexican outmaneuvered the youngster and outboxed him. No knockdowns were scored. Weights were Rodriquez, 146½; Harrison, 147.

Billy Gibson, 129½, scored a beaut of a kayo over Al Rodriquez, 129, in less than a round of the semi; Cleve O'Kelley, 162½, won a T.K.O. over Teddy Allen, 165, easily in two sessions; Henry Anderson, 147, stopped Tony Neives, 148, in three; Ace Williams, 136½, T.K.O.'ed Shelly Artkins, 141, in one round.

George "Sugar" Costner, lanky Cincinnati welter, smashed through to win his second coast battle in as many starts by outsmarting game Paul Lewis, homeboy favorite, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

A near capacity crowd of 7000 paid $12,344.13 to see Costner, a 2-to-1 favorite, hand the West Oaklander a bad beating for the first five sessions, but after the half-way mark Lewis turned the tide of battle, winning the eighth and tenth. He also held his hard-hitting opponent even in the seventh and ninth cantos.

The Cincinnati "Sugar Boy" laced his foe with both fists for three solid minutes of the first. Lewis returned plenty on the puss but it did no good. In the third the tall slender invader got back where he left off in the first and thumped the underdog with punches both to the head and body. Boxing at long range he also won the fourth.

The fifth was a humdinger. Costner caught Paulie with a beauty of a left on the jaw and the battler's legs fell from under him. He arose before Referee Burke could start a count. As game as they come, Lewis never gave up. He concentrated in close and during the late rounds, seemed to slow down his opponent. In the tenth, the Oaklander landed a solid right cross on Costner's noggin that jarred George.

Costner came in at 149½; Lewis at 156.

In the semi-windup, Dodo Woods, 144, Sugar's stablemate, took an eight-round decision over Ross Romero, 145, Livermore vet. It was a fast-slugging match and Woods went over big with the fans; Silent Escobar, 171, local deaf mute, launched his comeback and scored a six-round win over Ira Hughes, 173, Oakland, in the special.

In the opener, Paul Guerrero, 143, a bright prospect, licked Sam Kaliki, 143, easily in four.

Bobby Zander, Los Angeles heavyweight, returned for his second battle in Frisco and won his second fight by scoring a technical knockout in two over Al Ware, barrel-chested Oaklander, in a slated ten-rounder at National Hall. Zander proved he can hit and hit hard for he dropped his 208-pound foe about four times before the referee called a halt midway in the second. Betting was even money it wouldn't go ten and it didn't. In two engagements Zander has really gone over solid with the pasteboard buyers and will see action here soon according to Promoter Frankie Sealer.

In the semi: Charley O'Kelley, 150, defeated Jimmy Pernell, 152½, in six; Billy Gibson, 130, and Vic Young, 132, slugged to a draw in four; Lee Walker, 150½, decisioned Tony Neives, 147, in the opener. It was Lee's first win after being flattened too many times.

Short Jabs: Here are a few results of Northern California boxers in their out-of-town battles: Lloyd Marshall, 172, Sacramento, outpointed Willie Barron, 182, in ten rounds at Los Angeles.

Tony Olivera, 122, decisioned Chilindrina Valencia, 121½, in ten at Detroit to make his eastern record two for two.

Jess Flores, lightweight sensation of Stockton, won a T.K.O. over Billy Brent in three at San Jose.

Oakland Billy Smith, 172, kayoed Newsboy Millich, 185, in eight before a capacity crowd at Sacramento.

Archie Moore, 167, outclassed and upset Lloyd Marshall, 166½, at Baltimore in ten.

Frankie Gimbel, 163½, new sensation, held Paulie Peters, 160, Frisco, to a draw at Spokane.

Jackie Graves, 125¼, defeated Tony Olivera, 122¼, in the latter's third eastern engagement at Minneapolis. That's about it, but it surely was a long list of town bouts to prove that we have action battlers.

Even in losing, Olivera made such a hit that he will return to Minneapolis to meet Luis Castillo soon. . . . Jackie Ryan thought he deserved the decision in his battle with Leo Turner in Portland. Turner held a ten-pound edge in weights. . . . Al Sheridan, Indianapolis light-heavyweight, who boxed here, has been transferred to San Diego. . . . Billy Gilbert is back in training, and will see action soon. . . . Horace Mann, pleasing young heavyweight, is at his peak now. He knocked out Newsboy Millich at Sacramento and won by a T.K.O. over Watson Jones in eleven at Oakland for the California 175-pound title. The latter fight will be written up in next month's results.

Ray Salas, local lightweight, had an operation on his middle knuckles but will be ready to go in a few weeks.

Commissioner Dave Stevenson should be given plenty of credit as one of California's greatest commissioners, for Dave hasn't wasted any time. He has gotten the following results: (1) He made Mike Hirsch, Ocean Park promoter, pay his $2500 fine for failure to show his stubs at the Arena.

Another step that Dave has taken to help California's boxing is that he will place a sixty-day suspension on any fighter failing to show up for a bout. Promoters here in Northern California were having a heck of a time with prelims. They'd sign one lad and he just wouldn't show up if he didn't feel like it, but now it's different. Yep! he's a guy who believes in getting the work done. Our hats off to Mr. Stevenson.

Roman Starr, tattooed middleweight, has gone east with Charley Shuster, Willie Joyce's fine handler. Starr should get plenty of action for he's a real club fighter. . . . Tommy Egan, fast-coming welter, has left Frisco aboard a Merchant Marine ship. Egan is in the Merchant Marine. . . . Johnny Andrews has been doing well with amateur boxing in Santa Rosa. He shows weekly there. . . . Frankie Moore, Oakland lightweight, claims he's set to go against any boy his weight. He scored a knockout in ten in his last start.

Don't miss Nat Fleischer's newest record book, The Ring Record Book for 1945, it's tops! Everyone's record is in it that fought twice or more in '45. And the best part of it is that it only costs $3.65. . . . This writer's name is Bob Valli, 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco 11, California.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

NEW ORLEANS is definitely on the road map of the big-time fighters and managers who operate out of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Cal., and other fistic centers. Inside of two weeks, Bernard Docusen, Southern lightweight champion, drew net gates in two fights of over $26,000 in eight-round victories over Charley "Lulu" Costantino and Jimmy "Kid" Hatcher.

Docusen is entitled to most of the credit for the return of big gates here. Until he came along and gained main-bout recognition, other promoters before Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond had been struggling with great fights and weak attendance.

Even the Negro boxing has reached a new high. Promoter Louis Messina, who also stages the Negro fights, took a daring gamble on old man weather here by staging two fights within 30 hours in the Pelican Stadium.

On Sunday afternoon, May 20, Messina promoted a 15-round bout between Holman Williams and Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y. They grossed over $10,000. The weather was perfect.

The following night Messina staged his second open-air venture in 30 hours and happened to hit good weather again. This time he staged the Docusen-Charley "Lulu" Costantino fight which paid off on a net gate of $13,292.51.

Docusen has been receiving 30 per cent of the gate and earned $4000 in defeating Costantino decisively and in scoring his eight-round victory over Jimmy Hatcher. The lad who turned 18 years of age, June 19, picked up $3627.30 for his 24 minutes of fisticuffing.

Bernard is awaiting word from his draft board as to his future status.

He is good lightweight championship timber, if he does not outgrow the 135-pound ranks. Docusen has speed, courage and a dandy pair of legs. A sharp high-hand hitter, Docusen jolted Costantino twice with right hands and dropped Jimmy Hatcher for a no-count in the opening frame with his dandy right cross.

The Holman Williams-Joe Carter 15-round bout brought together the old master of the middleweight division, Williams, and a young fighter who can box and punch in Carter, but as usual Holman had too much speed and punched too fast for Carter, winning the 15-round decision.

The 8000 fans present at the fight gave Williams his greatest local ovation when his hand was hoisted. Promoter Louis Messina stages the Negro fights exclusively. Louis Chattard, well-known local Negro barber, is associated with Messina as his matchmaker. Managers desiring work for good Negro boys should contact Promoter Louis Messina at the Gypsy Tea Room, 1432 St. Ann Street, New Orleans, La. Phone Ma. 8985.

Harry Martinez, Fred Digby, Bill Keefe and Ike Morales, local sports editors and boxing writers, have been high in their praise of Referee Eddie Coulon's great work in the recent important fights here.

Coulon, in his boxing days, was one of the smartest bantamweight fighters of all times. Eddie was an almost champion. He was one of the few fighters who had Memphis Pal Moore's number lacing the Memphis clown three times.

This column has often remarked "that Coulon was the dean of Southern fight referees." I repeat again, that in no place in Dixie is there as competent a third man as Coulon.

Promoters and matchmakers desiring competent fighters for Dixie rings, can contact this writer at the DeSoto Hotel, 420 Baronne Street, New Orleans, La., Phone Ma. 4881.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By HUGH SHANNON

JOHNNY GREEN won over Bobby Lakin in a hard-fought bout which headlined the Hudson Club's show at Memorial Auditorium on June 5. Green weighed 147¼ and seemed to be in splendid fighting condition. He was throwing a lot of punches in the final rounds where he scored over Lakin.

Prentiss Hall, 168, defeated Ira Hughes of Pittsburgh in another good setto in the semi-final bout on the same bill. Hughes, who came in at 169½, dropped Hall for a long count in the first round, but after Prentiss got going again the result was never in doubt.

In other bouts on the program, Art Hardy, 160, Pittsburgh, won a decision over Irish Mickey Doyle of Sudbury, Ont., in a scrap that sizzled with action. Doyle tipped the beam at 159 and was fighting better in the final round than in the earlier sessions. In fact, Mickey had Hardy pretty tired and hurt as the bell rang.

Allen Faulkner, 149, Buffalo, won by knockout over Eddie McGee, Macon, Ga., in three rounds.

The gross receipts were $7095 and the payoff was on $5959. Luke Carr was referee, and the judges were Anse Carroll and Ed Schellerman. Ike Klipfel was timekeeper.

In Short Metre—Jackie Donovan, former national featherweight champion, who has been in Uncle Sam's Army for 36 months, is back home . . . . Jackie has been honorably discharged after seeing action on the Italian front . . . . He does not plan to return to pro boxing, but may decide to open a gymnasium and teach the game to newcomers . . . . Jackie did very well as a professional and for a time was under the management of the late Eddie Mead and Eddie Borden . . . . Another local boy who visited his home town recently was Walter Kolby, the Blasdell bearcat, who won 14 consecutive fights before joining the United States Navy . . . . Walter now weighs around 150 but says he will be down to his 138 pounds' fighting weight when the war's over . . . . Donovan and Kolby were introduced from the ring at the Johnny Green-Bobby Lakin show, June 5 . . . . The fans gave them an ovation.

Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan are also planning plenty of wrestling for Buffalo this late spring and summer . . . . The Great Lakes Club is jamming 'em in at Memorial Auditorium . . . . If Jack Singer can complete plans, Charlie Burley of Pittsburgh will tackle Holman Williams in a ten-rounder here around July 1st . . . . Ike Williams, N.B.A. lightweight champion, is under promise to fight for Billy Mitchie this summer . . . . Matched right, the great Negro lightweight will attract a bumper gate . . . . Incidentally, Mitchie says he will not run any shows unless they look like winners . . . . "I'm sick and tired of being a Santa Claus," Mitchie declares . . . . Ray (Sugar) Robinson is another star who is under contract to fight for the Fairview Club this summer . . . . Charlie Pinto is whipping Phil Muscato into shape for a strenuous campaign . . . . Charlie is now associated with Tommy Sulpi.

Bert Finch, veteran Buffalo manager, who developed such stars as Lou Scozza, Frankie Schoell, Jimmy Duffy and Teddy Meyers, is assembling a new stable of up-and-coming boxers. Mr. Finch asks this column to invite returning soldiers and sailors who are being mustered out of the service to write him if they plan to follow professional boxing. Finch can be addressed at 863 Ellicott St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Jack Singer, the hustling matchmaker of the Hudson Boxing Club, plans to run shows weekly at Memorial Auditorium if he can get the dates. Jack is booked weekly all through June. He says he will not promote open-air shows but will stick to the Auditorium for the summer.

Here and There—Joe Netro is keeping Cliff Beckett, the good Canadian middleweight, quite busy down Pittsburgh way . . . . Netro says Cliff is one of the best drawing cards in the Smoky City . . . . Irish Mickey Doyle is another importation from Canada who is doing all right in Buffalo . . . . Irish Mickey is bound to improve as he gets experience . . . . Charlie Murray, veteran Queensberry club promoter, threatens to return to activity soon but doesn't announce any definite plans . . . . Murray staged shows here for over 35 years . . . . Joe Lotta, Rochester promoter, seldom misses a Buffalo show . . . . Joe is keeping the game alive in his home town by running twice a month . . . . Tommy Moore, Jamestown, N. Y., promoter, will get going again this fall . . . . Tommy has a reputation as a square shooter and a capable promoter . . . . Eddie Cannon Ball, former world's cycling champion, was here for the Press Cycling Club reunion. Ball is now a resident of Pittsburgh.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, IA.—Tommy O'Loughlin, former Sioux City boxing promoter, tells us that Elmer (Violent) Ray, the Hastings, Fla., heavyweight flash, who broke his left hand while defeating Larry Lane of Trenton, N. J., in Chicago, will be out of action for nearly eight weeks. O'Loughlin said examination showed there was a "comminuted fracture" involving the little finger. The hand was placed in a cast. It was the 30th straight triumph for Ray.

It appears there will be a big boom in the boxing business in this section of the country at this writing. A survey by this writer shows that, since the surrender of Germany, considerable boxing talent will soon be available. A number of boxing promoters are making plans for the coming outdoor season. In the past promoters in this section have been using whatever talent was available.

Vic Holbrook, who has been showing his wrestling wares in this section, is an all-around athlete, and a good one. He was in the Army for 19 months, most of the time at Fort McArthur.

Pinkie George, well-known Des Moines, Ia., boxing promoter, is keeping his ace lightweight, Del Cockayne, busy. The former Drake football star is in popular demand in this section, and has been appearing with considerable success on boxing cards in Minneapolis.

Last-Minute Sparks—Bennie Droll, middleweight from Peoria, Ill., who is under the management of Dani Buckley, reports that he plans to show his fighter in this section in the near future . . . . To Johnny Ferrara: We will see what we can do for you . . . . Have answered your letter . . . . The writer would like to have your boxing news, so mail same in at once.

Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Ia., and news for this spot must be in our hands by the sixth of each month.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By HARRY MARKSON

APPARENTLY Lt. Col. Edward P. F. Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, does not like draw decisions in boxing matches. It is Eagan's distaste for even-Stephen verdicts which prompted him to supplement the round-by-round system used in New York with a point-score system, to be employed only when the straight round-by-round system indicates a draw. Eagan emphasized this fact at a meeting of the New York Boxing Writers' Association, thereby correcting the impression which seemed to be widespread that Eagan installed his new scoring method because he was dissatisfied, in general, with the decisions being handed down by Commission officials.

But that wasn't Eagan's idea at all. He made it clear that he cannot find anything to criticize insofar as won-and-lost decisions are concerned. What he objects to is the draw decision. He argues that the spectators at a boxing match are entitled to a definite result indicating a winner and a loser. A draw, he claims, is an unsatisfactory ending to a boxing contest. Under his new addition to the old method of scoring fights in New York a draw is now possible but highly improbable.

In this connection it is interesting to look back over the results in major bouts of the past several years and to note the number of draw decisions. Take, for instance, the main events at Madison Square Garden. Starting with his initial promotion there in October, 1937—the Henry Armstrong-Petey Sarron featherweight title bout—up to the last fight at the Garden before the circus took over—that between Joe Baksi and Lou Nova—Promoter Mike Jacobs staged a total of 184 shows at the country's No. 1 fight center. Out of that number only seven main events ended in draw decisions. It wasn't until after Jacobs had run 68 fights that the officials came up with their first even vote. That was in the contest between Fritzie Zivic and Lew Jenkins on December 20, 1940.

Zivic was also a principal in the second draw verdict when, on December 12, 1941, he battled Young Kid McCoy on even terms. Bob Pastor and Tami Mauriello boxed a draw on May 22, 1942; Tippy Larkin and Bobby Ruffin battled to a standstill on January 14, 1944 (there were no Garden draws at all in 1943); Beau Jack and Sammy Angott fought a draw on January 28, 1944; Johnny Greco and Bobby Ruffin split even on December 15, 1944, and Jimmy Bivins and Melio Bettina drew on March 16, 1945.

All of which proves that the Garden has not been exactly plagued with draw decisions, averaging less than one a season for main events. But even this small percentage meets with Lt. Col. Eagan's disapproval and he has now moved to make such verdicts virtually impossible. The new system is certain to make things tougher for some of those officials who sought "the easy way out" when confronted with a ticklish decision. The convenience of calling a fight a draw is now ended and each official now has to mark his ballot for one fighter or the other. When both his round score and his point score indicate a perfectly even contest, then he must still take into consideration the condition of each fighter and cast his vote for the one who finishes up fresher and stronger. There can be no sound objection to the Eagan system, at least not until it has had a thorough chance to test itself and that may be a matter of months.

It is surprising that there have been so few draws in major boxing contests down through the years. Yet a few come to mind. There was the featherweight title event in Los Angeles back in 1913 between Johnny Kilbane and Johnny Dundee, a 20-round affair in which Kilbane retained his title and thereafter refused to box Dundee again.

Then there was the middleweight title bout at Madison Square Garden 13 years ago in which Ben Jeby retained his title by boxing a draw with Vince Dundee.

Five years ago, in Los Angeles, Henry Armstrong made a bid for his fourth world championship, opposing the middleweight champion, Ceferino Garcia. This was a ten-round contest and ended in a draw, Garcia retaining his laurels.

In 1931 Mickey Walker and Jack Sharkey fought a 15-round draw at the Yankee Stadium but neither was a champion at the time.

Just a few weeks ago there was a draw battle fought in Philadelphia between Ray Robinson and Jose Basora of Puerto Rico. Robinson had been a strong favorite to win but Basora held him even, marking the first time in Sugar Ray's career that one of his bouts ended in a draw.

RING AROUND THE RESIN—The silver anniversary of the signing of the law regulating boxing in New York State was observed at an impressive little ceremony held at Madison Square Garden on the night of the Rocky Graziano-Al Davis contest. The writer of the New York State boxing law, James J. Walker, was seated at the ringside, waiting with 16,000 others, for the main event to get under way when suddenly Harry Balogh, the announcer, introduced to the audience Al Buck, boxing writer of the New York *Post* and president of the New York Boxing Writers' Association. Buck pointed out that May 25th marked the 25th anniversary of the boxing law signing and then introduced Lt. Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York Commission.

Lt. Col. Eagan spoke briefly in praise of the measure, citing the fact that it had been copied by many states throughout the Union, and then called upon Jimmy Walker to enter the ring. There—and it came as a complete surprise to Walker—Lt. Col. Eagan presented him with a silver cigarette case in behalf of the New York Commission, the Boxing Writers' Association, the Sportscasters' Association, and the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. Obviously touched, Walker told the gathering that he was immensely proud of the bill he fathered because it has operated so effectively for 25 years, proof of the fact that it is essentially a good bill. For this, he gave credit to the various commissioners who have held office since the late Governor Alfred E. Smith signed the measure, to the members of the press, and to the promoters. Walker received a tremendous ovation from the assemblage.

Following the fight Walker was again surprised with a reception in his honor at the Toots Shor Restaurant, where he was given a stop-watch. Here, too, Walker expressed his gratitude and his pride in the success of the act which has been known, since its inception, as the Walker Boxing Law.

Returning from a six-month USO tour that covered 45,000 miles, Mickey Walker, one-time world welterweight and middleweight champion, predicted that the next heavyweight champion would "come out of the services" . . . . Walker was particularly impressed by a heavyweight from Raleigh, N. C., named Bill Thompson, S 1/c, whom he saw at Belem, Brazil, a 200-pounder standing six feet one inch . . . . Max Joss and Sammy Richman concluded their tenth season of fight production at the Broadway Arena with the satisfaction of knowing they had had the most successful season in the history of the Brooklyn club . . . . Of their 34 shows, 23 were complete sell-outs, such fighters as Morris Reif, Harold Green and Al Davis playing before capacity houses every time they appeared . . . . Joss and Richman have built up a loyal and enthusiastic following at the Broadway Arena.

Joe LaMotta, younger brother of Jacob, was given a 30-day suspension by the New York Commission because he fought in New York only 24 hours after he had boxed in Boston . . . . Lt. Col. Edward P. F. Eagan, chairman of the New York Boxing Board, has joined the law firm of Noonan, Kaufman and Eagan . . . . But the Commission job will always come first, Eagan has told Governor Thomas E. Dewey, who appointed him to the Commission . . . . Lt. Bob Pastor has returned to his home in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., following his release from active duty as physical training instructor at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center . . . . Pastor was discharged because of a back injury . . . . At one time Pastor was a leading contender for the heavyweight title . . . . He made his last ring appearance in October, 1942, against Jimmy Bivins . . . . During his long career Pastor met many of the foremost heavyweights in the world, and defeated most of them . . . . He boxed under the direction of James J. Johnston. He is now interested in a grill in his home town.

The great number of fistic upsets which occurred during May had boxing men walking around in circles . . . . Just to name a few of them: There was Bob Montgomery's loss to Nick Moran in Los Angeles; Danny Bartfield's defeat by Pat Demers in Paterson, N. J.; Jose Basora holding Ray Robinson to a draw in Philadelphia; Chalky Wright's victory over Willie Joyce in Los Angeles . . . . The largest crowd ever to witness an opening show at Meadowbrook Bowl in Newark turned out for the Joe Curcio-Tony Riccio contest, which Curcio won on a decision after a hard-fought battle . . . . The paid attendance was 3,700 and the receipts $5,618.

Tony Janiro, Youngstown, O., welterweight, recently took up residence in Jack Dempsey's Great Northern Hotel and no sooner did he do so than the hotel management immediately had a huge enlargement of the now famous picture of Janiro and President Harry S. Truman installed in the lobby . . . . President Truman was snapped in the act of shaking hands with Janiro following the lad's victory over Monty Pignatore at Madison Square Garden last March . . . . New York boxing writers read with anger the American war correspondent's interview with Max Schmeling, shortly after V-E Day, in which Schmeling said: "American sports writers never gave me a break" . . . . In the words of Jack Dempsey: "That is the best compliment he could have paid U. S. sports writers" . . . . Schmeling also spoke of "soft-living Americans" but indicated he would like to come back here some day for a visit . . . . He will not be welcomed . . . . During his boxing career Schmeling made more money in the States than any other foreign fighter in history . . . . But to call a Nazi an ingrate is probably the least that can be said about him . . . . The way Schmeling treated the men who brought him here and the men who made him world champion was an indication of his character.

Damon Runyan sat at the ringside in Madison Square Garden the night of the Rocky Graziano-Al Davis fight and a few seconds after the contest ended, wrote a note on a slip of paper which he passed to friends sitting near him. The note said: "There is your second Ketchel." And, indeed, that is what Graziano looked like as he blasted Davis into submission in 44 seconds of the fourth round of what was scheduled as a ten-round match.

This was the bout which marked the return of boxing to the Garden after an absence of eight weeks, caused by the presence there of the circus. A goodly crowd was there, 16,556 spectators paying $75,861 to see the fight. And they saw just what they came to see—a knock-down, slam-bang battle which had the customers standing on their chairs and screaming from the opening bell. From start to finish the contest was filled with excitement. And the excitement did not end with the conclusion of the battle for a bitter controversy waged through the arena because of the tactics used by Graziano in bringing down his foe.

Here is how the meeting of the two celebrated sluggers went: Early in the first round the younger Graziano, weighing 151¾, nailed Davis, scaling 146, with a right that spun Davis around into the ropes. He followed up with several more sizzling wallops but Davis pulled out of danger and shot home a number of blasting left hooks to Rocky's body and head, which Rocky shook off with no apparent damage. Then, just before the bell, Davis was floored with a right to the chin but he arose before Referee Arthur Susskind (Young Otto) could start a count. Graziano sent one more right hand crashing home an instant before the round ended.

Davis opened the second round with a mighty left to Graziano's ribs which made Rocky double up. But he came back fast with a series of lefts and rights to Davis' head which brought blood from Davis' mouth. Then he shot a left to Davis' head which opened a cut over Davis' right eye. Graziano slipped to one knee, but he jumped up quickly to rush Davis into the ropes with a vicious charge. Each was trying desperately for a knockout and each missed frequently.

Thinking he had found a weak spot in Graziano, or advised by his handlers to keep trying for the body, Davis opened the third round with a series of wicked left hooks to Rocky's mid-section, and for a moment or two Rocky appeared to be in trouble. But then he charged forward again, ripped a patch off the cut over Davis' eye, rushed him to the ropes and kept hammering away until Davis sank on the lower strand. He got up at the count of one, but Graziano followed right up with another barrage of punches and again Davis went down, this time for a count of four.

A few seconds after Davis regained his feet, the bell rang ending the round, but evidently Graziano didn't hear it because he kept blasting away and connected with several tremendous wallops. By the time Referee Otto rushed in to separate the fighters, the seconds of both men were in the ring to help pull the gladiators apart. Davis was badly spent and had to be carried to his corner. Lew Burston, Davis' manager, walked over to Otto to ask what he intended to do about the obvious infraction of the rules occurring when Graziano kept firing away after the bell, but Otto sent him back to Davis' corner with the instruction to bring his fighter out for the next round. Davis sat on his stool in obvious distress but he got to his feet and answered the bell starting the fourth frame.

Graziano went after Davis with renewed fury in the fourth. Al seemed stunned, appeared unable to defend himself, and though he made a few futile efforts to ward off the charges of his tormenter and even tried feebly to land a few punches, he had nothing left. Graziano again backed him against the ropes and proceeded to pound him with lefts and rights, and again Davis dropped to the canvas, this time taking a count of nine. Actually, Jack O'Sullivan, the knockdown timekeeper, counted ten, but Referee Otto had reached only nine and permitted the contest to continue. Davis got up, wobbled in his corner, and stood there with hands at his sides. Graziano made as if to finish the job but Otto finished it for him, stepping in and stopping the slaughter.

Immediately there arose a terrific clamor throughout the Garden. Promoter Mike Jacobs had had the foresight, during the exciting third round, to order all lights on and nothing came hurtling out of the balcony except a bag of peanuts, which splattered harmlessly in the ring. There seemed to be considerable resentment on the part of the Davis followers because of Graziano's continued punching after the bell ending the third. They screamed their annoyance at Graziano but Rocky himself had thousands of followers in the audience and they cheered lustily.

There was no question that Graziano had waged a magnificent fight, even though the third-round incident was an obvious rule violation—but even there Rocky must be taken at his word that he did not hear the bell. The knockout triumph, coming after his third-round knockout over Billy Arnold, lifted the New York East Side youngster high in welterweight ranks. And he says he can make 147 pounds without too much trouble.

Another thing can be said in Graziano's favor. Added evidence that he did not hear the third-round bell is the fact that Referee Otto took so long to jump in to separate the fighters. Otto himself said later that he could not hear the bell because of all the yelling and that it wasn't until he saw the red lights on the corner posts flash that he knew the round was at an end. There was great jubilation in the Graziano dressing-room after the fight, because the victory assured him a meeting with Freddie (Red) Cochrane, world welterweight champion, even though their meeting was to be an overweight affair.

In the six-round semi-final to Graziano-Davis, Neva Esparza, 141, Mexico City, took the decision from Lew Hanbury, 145, Washington, D. C. It was Hanbury's first start in 18 months. Leo Romanello, 142½, Brooklyn, won from Frankie Velez, 144, Puerto Rico, in another six. A third bout over the same distance, between Billy Graham, 137½, East Side, and Joey Manfro, 139½, Bronx, was won by Graham on a decision, his 56th professional bout without a loss. In four-round events, Leo Milito, 129½, East Side, gained the verdict over Nick Primiani, 134½, Montreal; and Fred Bernard, 138, Akron, O., outpointed Carl Olson, 136, West Haven, Conn.

For seven rounds of their ten-round main event at the St. Nicholas Arena, Harold Green, Brooklyn welterweight, found the going exceedingly hard against Frankie Terry, also of Brooklyn. Terry refused to follow his usual style, held back and did no leading. Green, apparently expecting Terry to come tearing in as per his usual custom, seemed unable to do his best work. True, he piled up enough points to have an edge at the end of seven rounds, mainly through consistent body pounding, but Green was certainly not as impressive as his admirers felt he should be.

Starting in the eighth, however, Green abandoned his boxing tactics and went in for slugging. That changed things considerably. Terry, too, opened up and landed a few solid smacks to Green's head but these were few and far between. Green punched sharper and harder, raised a blood blister beneath Terry's right eye in the eighth, made Terry's knees buckle with a smashing left hook in the ninth, hammered Terry relentlessly about the body in the tenth and finished up strong. The decision in his favor was unanimous, Referee Johnny Burns polling seven rounds for Green, one for Terry, and two even. Jim Hagen, one of the judges, had it six to four in Green's favor, and Sid Scharlin, the other judge, voted seven for Green, two for Terry, one even. A crowd of 2,936 paid $7,674 to see the show.

The fight marked Green's first bout under the direction of Sol Gold. It was the final Friday boxing show of the season at the St. Nick. The victory extended to 24 the number of bouts Green has had since his release from the Army without a single defeat being charged against him, although he was held to one draw in his seventh bout after resuming ring activities. For the Terry fight Green, at 152½, was outweighed by three pounds.

The scheduled eight-round semi-final between Eddie (Buddy) Moore, 202¼, Harlem, and Walter Thomas, 183, Bronx, ended in 1:14 of the sixth. The finish was strange. Moore had much the better of the going all through the contest, floored Thomas for a nine-count in the fifth, was headed for a sure victory when suddenly he announced he could not continue because of an injured left hand. There was nothing for Referee Pete Harley to do but award the victory to Thomas.

In six-rounders, Jimmy Davis, 161½, Pittsburgh, outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 158½, Mexico City, and Eddie Compo, 128, New Haven, knocked out Earl Mintz, 127¼, Jersey City, in 2:09 of the first. Joey Carkido, 133¼, Youngstown, O., defeated Steve Bilko, 136, Sayreville, N. J., in a four, with another four between Bearham Vitale, 134¾, New Haven, and Marcus McCray, 133, New York, going to Vitale on a decision.

It was a costly victory which Danny Bartfield, New York lightweight, scored over Guy Serean of Nampo, Ida., in the show marking the closing of the season at the St. Nicholas Arena. The contest between Bartfield and Serean was scheduled for ten rounds but Bartfield won by a knockout in 2:26 of the sixth. After the fight it was revealed that the clever and sharp-hitting New York lad had again injured his right hand. Bartfield has suffered from a weak right hand ever since he began his boxing career and he has had to abandon boxing activities time and again because of recurring breaks.

In the Serean bout he suffered a torn cartilage of the hand which means he will be on the shelf for several weeks, at least. The injury put him out of the running for a Madison Square Garden appearance on June 22, which was being planned. In the first round of the Serean contest Bartfield handed the western lad a severe trouncing, smashing him with countless lefts and rights. Serean weathered the storm, and though widely outpointed in the next few rounds, managed to keep erect. In the fourth, Bartfield shot a right which landed on the top of Serean's head. That's when the damage came for Bartfield. Through the fifth he boxed with only one hand, and again in the sixth. He finally nailed Serean with a series of left hooks that brought about the finish. Bartfield weighed 138½, Serean 137½.

A disappointing crowd of 1,982 fans, who paid $3,140, saw the show. In a six-round preliminary, Morton Klein, 144, West Side, defeated Charley Finley, 148, Bronx, on a decision after a blistering battle. Artie DiPietro, 138, East Side, outpointed Fred Bernard, 140, Akron, in a six. Sal Berardino, 209, Bronx, knocked out Larry Schuck, 181½, Mt. Vernon, in 2:21 of the first. In the fours, Leo Milito, 129½, East Side, knocked out Jimmy McNair, 136½, Passaic, in 2:57 of the first; and Tony DeRosa, 149¾, Corona, L. I., outpointed Freddie Lott, 159½, Newark.

The final boxing show of the season at the Broadway Arena produced an exciting heavyweight contest in which John Thomas of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., triumphed over Vince Pimpinella, Brooklyn, on a knockout. The end came in 1:46 of the fifth round of a scheduled eight. In the second round Thomas seemed to have Pimpinella on the verge of a kayo but in the third Pimpinella came back with a great show of strength and battled Thomas on even terms through that stanza and the next. But in the fifth Thomas gained the upper hand again, hammered Pimpinella relentlessly until Referee George Walsh had to step in and call a halt. Thomas weighed 185½, Pimpinella 177¼. A crowd of near capacity size saw the contest.

Another scheduled eight-rounder on the program got only as far as 2:31 of the fourth, with Al Pennino, 124¼, Brooklyn, stopping Jimmy Saunders, 129½, Bronx. Saunders went in as a substitute for Joey Gatto, who was unable to fight because of an injured wrist. In a six-rounder, Frankie Cavanna, 151½, East Side, outpointed Lew Perez, 155, Puerto Rico. Mike Konnors, 132½, West Side, defeated Nick Primiani, 136, Montreal, in a six-rounder. Both the four-round events ended short of the final round. In one, Leo Milito, 130½, East Side, knocked out Pat Butler, 135½, Brooklyn, in 1:43 of the second. In the other, Lou Salvarez, 140, Bronx, flattened Johnny Hitt, 142½, Coney Island, in 51 seconds of the first round.

A crowd of 6,000 saw Vince LaSalva, Mt. Vernon's young welterweight sensation, outpoint Tommy Mills of Valley Stream, L. I., in a thrilling eight-round tussle at the Westchester County Center. The Bobby Gleason youngster has developed into an ace attraction at the Westchester Club and turned in another grand performance to score over the more seasoned Long Islander. LaSalva weighed 145½ and Mills a half-pound more.

The semi-final of six rounds went to Clarence King, 136½, Bronx, with Jimmie Cognan, 137, Newark, as his victim. Andy Faisof, 151¼, West Side, outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 157, Mexico City, in six rounds. Another scheduled six between Pete Martin, 147, Bronx, and Charley Finley, 147¼, Bronx, was won by Martin on a kayo. In the four-rounders, Ernie Cabral, 139, New Haven, Conn., defeated Jimmy McNair, 135, Mt. Vernon; Charlie Sklodowski, 186, Paterson, N. J., finished Frankie Rose, 187½, New York, in the first round.

Despite inclement weather, the Fort Hamilton Arena opened its 1945 summer boxing season sucessfully with a slam-bang contest between Marvin Bryant, of Dallas, Texas, and J. C. Wilkins of the Bronx which went to Bryant on a unanimous decision. A crowd of 2,600 saw the show, paying $3,100. During the first half of the fight Wilkins made things very close for the Texan but during the second half Bryant gained the upper hand, despite the effective body punching tactics employed by the Bronxite, and despite a damaged left eye suffered in the seventh when Wilkins suddenly shifted his attack to the head.

Although all three officials cast their ballots for Bryant, not all the spectators were in agreement on the decision. The officials were appointed by the New York State Athletic Commission, marking the first time in Fort Hamilton's history that this had been the case. Jed Gahan acted as referee and voted eight rounds for Bryant to two for Wilkins. The two judges had the fight closer. Charley Rosen, one of the judges, voted seven to three in favor of Bryant, but the other judge, Charley Draycott, tabbed it five and five, giving the edge to Bryant on points, eleven to ten, in keeping with the new Commission policy of eliminating draws. Bryant weighed 161 to Wilkins' 161½.

In one of the scheduled sixers, Fred Bernard, 140, Akron, O., scored a kayo win over Patsy Zoccano, 140, Montreal, in 45 seconds of the third round, the referee halting the bout after Zoccano had twice hit the canvas. Another scheduled six-rounder between Burl Charity, 150, Youngstown, and Lee Bryant, 152½, Brooklyn, went to Charity on a knockout in 1:40 of the first. Tony Del Gatto, 157, Brooklyn, defeated Ernest Barnwell, 160, Harlem, in another six. Lou Suliveres, 137, Brooklyn, won from Frankie Dell, 135, Brooklyn, in a four; and in the opening four, Jimmy McNair, 132, New York, floored Paddy Butler, 135, Brooklyn, for a count of two in the second round and went on to win the decision.

Showing real improvement, Pat Scanlon, Ozone Park, L. I., lightweight, won in impressive fashion over Joey Manfro of the Bronx in a feature eight-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove. The schoolboyish appearance of Scanlon fools a lot of people about his fistic ability, something he seems to have in abundance and his style is modelled on that of Billy Conn. Scanlon completely outpunched and outboxed the Tami Mauriello stablemate to win a unanimous verdict. He weighed 139½ to 139¾ for Manfro.

Pat's younger brother, Donald, also turned in a victory in one of the four-round preliminaries, outpointing Bill Commodore of New York in four heats. Donald scaled 120¼, Commodore 123. In other preliminaries, Jim Kennedy, 147½, New York, defeated Pete Martin, 145½, Bronx, in six rounds; Clarence (Cotton) King, 137¾, Bronx, knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 138½, Toronto, in 2:39 of the first; Walter Stevens, 141¼, Newark, halted Al Bishop, 141¾, Harlem, in 49 seconds of the second. In a four-rounder, Julie Cross, 153, Brooklyn, triumphed over Lou Spurdis, 148, Brooklyn, on a decision.

In his best performance since beginning his comeback campaign after several years' absence from the ring, Johnny Rinaldi, Bronx welterweight, turned the tables on Tommy Gargano, Brooklyn, in a feature eight-round event at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Gargano had beaten Rinaldi in an earlier start but this time the Bronxite boxed and punched his way to a decisive triumph. The comeback drive of Rinaldi is being guided by Bobby Gleason, manager of Phil Terranova. For his meeting with Gargano, he scaled 143¼ pounds to his opponent's 146¼.

Billy Cooper, 168, Cleveland, outpointed Ted Gordon, 171, New York, in a six-rounder. In another scheduled six, Tommy Murray, 136½, Montreal, knocked out Stan Tischler, 129½, New York, in the opening frame. Nick Primiani, 135, Montreal, gained the verdict over Jimmy Saunders, 131, New York, in a third bout of six rounds. One of the scheduled fours ended in the second round with Joe Garahan, 180, New York, winner by a kayo over Charles Sklodowski, 185, Paterson, N. J. The opening four was won on a decision by Johnny Harvey, 161, Port Chester, N. Y., over Vic Chambers, 164, Newark, N. J.

Overcoming the handicap of a badly cut right eye, suffered in the fifth round, Dom Amoroso, 135½, Jersey City, gained a split decision at the end of ten rounds over Monty Pignatore, 137, Brooklyn, in a feature bout at the Fort Hamilton Arena. A crowd of 3,200 saw the scrap, which was tightly contested all the way. But Amoroso never ceased his aggressive tactics and squeezed through with the verdict.

The semi-final, scheduled for six rounds, ended in 2:58 of the third with Henry Bernsten, 205, Norway, the winner over Joe Levy, 195, East Side. In other listed sixers, Lou Valles, 151½, Brooklyn, defeated Andy Faison, 154½, West Side, on points; and Rocco Lescio, 141, Greenpoint, stopped Ellis Simley, 139, Pittsburgh. In the four-rounders, Lou Suliveres, 132, West Side, outpointed Frankie Dell, 132, Brooklyn; Sonny Seideman, 151, East Side, knocked out Al Governale, 154, Brooklyn, in 2:45 of the first round.

Considerable controversy marked the decision in favor of Phil Palmer, Canadian welterweight, over Vince LaSalva, Mt. Vernon, following their eight-round tussle at the Westchester County

Center in White Plains. The crowd of 4,300 was split in its reception of the verdict, a good portion of them apparently feeling that LaSalva had been given a sour decision and they let their feelings be known in no uncertain terms. The bout marked the 25th in a row for Palmer without a setback.

As for LaSalva, the defeat ended his streak of six straight wins. Palmer appeared to be the stiffer puncher but LaSalva showed more boxing skill and willingness to fight. Referee Frank Fullam had it five rounds to three in favor of the Canadian; Anthony Lizanski, one of the judges, voted five, two, and one even, with Palmer in front; George LeCron, the other judge, had it five and three for LaSalva. Most of the huge crowd had LaSalva the victor, judging by the turmoil following the unpopular decision. The Mt. Vernon lad weighed 146½, Palmer 142.

In a slashing six-round semi-final, Minnie DeMore, 136, Trenton, N. J., shaded Juan Carrero, 136, Puerto Rico. Harold Schwartz, 131, Bronx, outpointed Patsy Zoccano, 136, Toronto; Antonio Carmona, 142, Puerto Rico, defeated Charley Finley, 146, Bronx; Francisco Colon Garcia, 121, Puerto Rico, halted Bill Commodore, 122, Harlem, in the second round of a four; John Harvey, 161, Port Chester, outpointed Mike Cusimano, 165, Garfield, N. J.

The final boxing show of the season at the Ridgewood Grove Club in Brooklyn produced a rousing eight-round contest between Tony Pellone, 141, Greenwich Village, and Tommy Mills, Valley Stream, L. I., who hit the scales at exactly the same figure. Pellone won the decision after a hard-fought fight, in which Pellone did most of the leading, with Mills resorting in the main to counter-punching.

Some 3,000 fans saw the show, in the semi-final of which Mike Konnors, 130½, Brooklyn, outpointed Ray Puig, 133½, Tampa, Fla., in six rounds. A series of scheduled four-round contests completed the card arranged by Matchmaker Moe Fleischer. In these, Vincent Gigante, 170½, Greenwich Village, defeated Steve Kish, 171, Garfield, N. J.; Tony DeRosa, 150¼, knocked out Kenny Reid, 149½, Battle Creek, Mich., in 2:28 of the third heat; Tommy Marra, 145½, White Plains, defeated Steve Bilko, 142, Sayreville, N. J.; Steve Dapoli, 141, Greenwich Village, outpointed Jimmy McNair, 136, Mt. Vernon; Julie Cross, 153¼, Brooklyn, defeated Tony Bertucci, 151, Brooklyn.

Despite chilly weather, a crowd of 2,600 paid a total of $3,349 to see the Fort Hamilton Arena show which featured Maurice (Lefty) LaChance of Lisbon, Me., and Vince Dell 'Orto in a ten-rounder. LaChance, scaling 129½ to his opponent's 132, boxed his way to a decision by a clear-cut margin. Dell 'Orto went in as a substitute for the ailing Phil Terranova.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six rounds, Rocco Lescio, 140, Greenpoint, halted Jim Cognan, 138, Bronx, in 1:33 of the third. In other six-rounders, Jimmy Rizzo, 134, Hamilton, Ont., defeated Freddie Bernard, 133½, Akron, O., and Burl Charity, 150, Cleveland, won from Johnny Taylor, 154, Indiantown Gap, Pa. In a fourth sixer, Sgt. Henry Majack, 150, of the Army, stopped Jack Moore, 151, Jersey City, in 1:34 of the second stanza. The curtain-raiser, slated for four heats, ended in 2:40 of the third with Tony Bertucci, 152, Brooklyn, the winner over Howie French, 152, Jersey City.

With both fighters suffering cuts about the eyes, Jerry Fiorello, 159, Brooklyn, scored a ten-round triumph over Vic Dellicurti, 160½, Harlem, in a feature bout at the Fort Hamilton Arena. Dellicurti had been favored to win but Fiorello upset the dope in a slashing contest marked by hard and effective punching on the part of each principal. The show was witnessed by some 3,500 spectators who paid $5,135. Fiorello finished strong to win the verdict. In the semi-final, scheduled for six rounds, Clarence King, 134½, Palm Beach, Fla., won over Al Bishop, 138, Bronx, in 2:05 of the second round, the referee halting hostilities at that point.

Another scheduled sixer also ended in the second round, Bobby Cummings, 144, New York, stopping Lou Spurtio, 143, New York, in 2:20 of that round. Jim Foster, 205, Fort Dix, also won on a second-round knockout. His victim was Juan Hernandez, 190, Mexico City, and the time was 1:10. Lou Suliveres, 135, Bronx, defeated Marcus McCrea, Harlem, in four rounds; and Al Victoria, 134, Brooklyn, needed only 57 seconds of one round to stop Stanley Tischler, 130, South Brooklyn.

It took Steve Dudas, Edgewater, N. J., heavyweight, many years to work himself up to a main event at Madison Square Garden. He couldn't get there at all during his younger days when he was facing most of the good heavyweights of his time. Then he laid off boxing for four years, returning last fall on a comeback campaign. The drive was successful for a while, Dudas piling up victories over Larry Bouchard, Johnny White, Buddy Knox, Jimmy Carollo, and Fernando Menichelli. But then Steve went up against Tami Mauriello in a main event at the Garden and with it came disaster. For Dudas proved no match for the Bronxite, going down before a rain of Mauriello right-handers in 2:23 of the first round of a scheduled ten.

Just after the bout got under way Dudas took a shot at Mauriello's chin and for a split second Tami seemed hurt. Then Tami went to work. A right to the jaw sent Dudas sprawling to the canvas for a count of six. A two-handed attack promptly dropped him again, this time for nine. Another slashing barrage dropped Dudas and this time the Jersey veteran took a seven-count. When he arose he tried to cover up, but Mauriello, certain he had his man, hammered right through Dudas' feeble defense and sent Steve crashing to the floor still again. This time Referee Arthur Donovan decided Dudas had had enough and intervened to halt the contest.

The one-round kayo was the third for Tami in the Garden ring. Way back in 1939, in his first appearance at the Garden, he belted out Ettore Penn in one heat. On that occasion he weighed 145¾. In March, 1941, Mauriello finished off Steve Belloise in one. For that bout he weighed 161. When he faced Dudas he scaled 200, highest ever for a Garden fight, Dudas weighed in at 198.

The New York *Daily Mirror* Phone Fund for Wounded Servicemen shared in the proceeds of the Mauriello-Dudas show, the fund receiving a check of $5,000 from Promoter Mike Jacobs. The smallest crowd of the season attended, only 8,402 being present. They paid a total of $28,606, the first time since the start of the year that receipts for a Garden boxing show fell below the $40,000 mark.

An exciting semi-final helped make up for the one-sidedness of the feature bout. Freddie Fiducia, returning to action after more than two years in the Maritime Service, turned in a grand performance to outpoint John Thomas of Miami, Fla., in eight rounds. In the third round only the bell saved Thomas from a knockout. He was floored for nine, arose just as the bell rang. Then he slumped to the canvas and had to be dragged to his corner by his handlers. He hit the floor twice after that in later rounds, but he continued to make a courageous battle of it down to the final bell. Fiducia weighed 190½, Thomas 183½. Verne Escoe, 182½, Toronto, won from Georgie Parks, 186, Washington, D. C., in six rounds. Earle Lowman, 206½, Detroit, scored over Louis Long, 191½, Chicago, in another six. In the fours, Juan Carrero, 136, Puerto Rico, outpointed Danny Ardito, 134, Newark, and Tony DeRosa, 150½, Astoria, L. I., defeated Lou Valles, 150½, East Side.

The comeback efforts of two fighters ran into disaster in one night at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The first of these was Johnny Rinaldi, Bronx welterweight, who had been doing right well in his comeback drive under the guidance of Bobby Gleason. But in a scheduled eight-round main event at the White Plains club, against Vic Pignataro, also of the Bronx, Rinaldi suffered a knockout in 1:16 of the very last round. Pignataro weighed 140¼ to 144 for Rinaldi.

The other comeback campaign halted was that of Johnny Rohrig, of Clifton, N. J., back in action after a long siege in the service. Rohrig had Nick Primiani, of Montreal, as his opponent in a six and lost the decision. Rohrig and Primiani both weighed in at 136. In other bouts, Jimmy Rizzio, 140, Toronto, outpointed Stanley Tischler, 139, New York, in four; Francisco Garcia, 121, Puerto Rico, knocked out Earl Mintz, 126, Newark; Leon Johnson, 136¼, knocked out Jimmy McNair, 134¼, Mt. Vernon; Helge Baake, 165, Brooklyn, defeated Mickey Fay, 167½, New York, in four; Jack Barker, 157¾, New York, won from Jerry McGee, 155¼, Augusta, Ga., on a disqualification.

The Queensboro Arena opened its summer season with a hard-fought eight-round tussle in which Tony Janiro, Youngstown, Ohio, welterweight, registered his 36th victory in 37 fights by outpointing Johnny Williams, a crisp counter-puncher from Montgomery, Ala. It was the fourth meeting between the two and marked the fourth time that Williams managed to last the complete route against the strongly favored Janiro. Tony landed many a solid right-hand wallop but Williams came back strong each time. The voting of the officials was unanimous but still there was a wide discrepancy in the ballots. Jed Gahan, the referee, and Abe Goldberg, one of the judges, voted all eight rounds for Janiro. But Benny Cohen, the other judge, scored three for Janiro, four for Williams, and one even. Nevertheless he cast his vote for Janiro on the basis of a 7-to-5 point score, marking the first time in years, probably, that an official voted victory to a boxer who had won a lesser number of rounds. Janiro weighed 142 pounds to Williams' 140½. Some 2,500 saw the show which was held in chilly weather.

Murray Palefsky, 152, Bronx, defeated Jim Kennedy, 147, Brooklyn, in the six-round semi-final. Sid Haber, 143, New York, outpointed Marcel Fournier, 139, Montreal, and Jackie Connelly, 132, defeated Midget Mayo, 125½, Philadelphia, in other sixers. Johnny Harvey, 164, Port Chester, N. Y., beat Vic Chambers, 160½, Newark, in a four, with the opening four, between Tommy Marra, 147, White Plains, and Julie Cross, 152, Brooklyn, going to Marra on a decision.

Jabs and Hooks—The New York Athletic Commission is not the only one effecting radical changes in long-established boxing customs. Now comes the Maryland Commission with a plan under which the knockdown timekeeper is eliminated as one of the officials at a contest. It is reported that in a recent bout in Maryland a referee counted a fallen fighter out in seven seconds. In most cases, however, the referee's count is slow. Nevertheless the Maryland solons have decided to leave the counting over fighters up to the third man in the ring. . . . According to fairly reliable reports, Commdr. Jack Dempsey will be given a job in Washington after the war, with the former heavyweight champion in charge of physical education for the country's peacetime army. . . . Dempsey, incidentally, did considerable touring throughout the country in behalf of the Seventh War Loan drive.

An eye injury kept Phil Terranova, former N.B.A. featherweight champion, out of action for several weeks. The injury forced him to lose several lucrative assignments, including a June 1 date with Leroy Willis. . . . Capt. Earl Breitbard, who was employed on the publicity staff of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club until he went into the Army more than three years ago, is now acting chief of the publicity and promotion section for the athletic and entertainment services for the European theater. . . . Freddie (Red) Cochrane, honorably discharged from the Navy last winter, finally got back to ring warfare early in June by knocking out Pete Lello in two rounds at Jacksonville, Fla. . . . Cochrane had trained for two months at Summit, N. J., in preparation for his return to the ring. . . . Following the victory over Lello he took part in several more tune-ups, leading up to his Madison Square Garden start against Rocky Graziano. . . . Mickey Walker, recently returned from a tour of Army bases overseas, worked as third man in the ring for several of the Cochrane warm-ups throughout the south. . . . The boxing world mourned the passing of Lou Fink, veteran trainer, who died suddenly in Mt. Vernon. . . . Many fistic notables attended his funeral, among them Commdr. Gene Tunney, for whom Fink had served as trainer; Tunney's manager, Billy Gibson; Billy McCarney, Steve Hannegan, and others. . . . Fink, whose right name was Eberling, also trained Tony Canzoneri and other outstanding boxers. . . . Lt. Jack Miley, one-time sports columnist of the New York *Daily News* and later of the New York *Post*, is back in civvies after two and a half years in the Navy, during which he served many months in the South Pacific. . . . Rocky Graziano, high-ranking welterweight, has taken to golf as a pastime and already shoots better than 100.

The series between Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., lightweight, and Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J., gets better as it goes along. In the fourth encounter of the series, a ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden, Joyce won the decision and now has three victories to his credit to one for Williams. A crowd of 12,491 who paid $53,016 saw the fourth session and were rewarded with what many boxing men thought was the most interesting match of all.

Again Joyce gave a masterful exhibition of left-hand technique. Especially was this so in the middle rounds when Joyce amassed his margin of points. Williams tried to beat Joyce at his own game, with the use of a left hand, and it is true that Ike displayed a marked improvement in the employment of the port side mitt. But almost invariably Joyce beat Williams to the punch. Williams kept his right hand poised, ready for a killing blow, and though he threw it on occasion, Joyce usually managed to escape damage.

Then came the tenth round, one of the most exciting seen at the Garden in years. Realizing he was behind, Williams opened up with every weapon at his command. He tore in at a terrific pace, fought his rival across the ring, and after about one minute of the round dropped Joyce with a smashing right to the head. Joyce was hurt, though he arose to his feet at the count of two. He staggered a bit and then crossed an inside right and down went Ike. He got up immediately and sent Joyce to his knees with another barrage of blows. By now the fans were frantic and were screaming wildly. Joyce seemed to have nothing left but heart. Still, he kept punching, trading blow for blow, down to the final bell.

The voting of the officials was close. Referee Johnny Burns voted five rounds for Joyce, three for Williams, with two even. Marty Monroe, one of the judges, had it six to four in favor of Joyce, while Harold Barnes, the other judge, had it six to four in favor of Williams. Your RING reporter voted five rounds for each principal but gave the decision to Joyce on points, eight to six. Williams, who had recently won National Boxing Association recognition as lightweight champion, by knocking out Juan Zurita in Mexico City, did not have his title claim at stake in this contest. He weighed 137½ to 135½ for Joyce.

One of the six-round preliminaries ended in a one-round knockout, Clent Conway, 177, New York, halted Georgie Parks, 185, Washington, D. C., in 1:19. In the other sixers, Jackie Connelly, 134½, Long Island City, outpointed Billy Carol, 136, Montreal; Roman Starr, 162½, Los Angeles, won on a disputed decision from Johnny Lawer, 156, Cleveland; and Jimmy McAllister, 129, Baltimore, took the verdict from Victor Flores, 127¾, Mexico City. The opening four-rounder, between Billy Daniels, 154, Harlem, and Baudelio Valencia, 156¼, went to Daniels on a decision.

Dempsey *vs.* "Carp"

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profile and long eyelashes were okeh in their place, but that ain't in no ten-foot ring with Dempsey."

The round-by-round story of the fight follows:

First Round

The gong clanged to start the bout at 3:16 P.M. Carpentier was the first to lead. He speared the champion with a left jab to the face. A clinch followed in which Carpentier worked his right in an inside uppercut to the champion's chin. Dempsey's head bobbed with the blow. The crowd roared its encouragement of the frail-looking challenger, who wasted no time in his supreme effort. Carpentier again leaped to the attack and landed a wicked right to Dempsey's neck. Carpentier tried again with his right for the jaw, and this time landed on the champion's face with enough force to make Dempsey blink. Dempsey dug a left to the stomach and another clinch followed. Dempsey clubbed his right to the back of Carpentier's head in the clinch. Carpentier hooked a left to the stomach.

Carpentier missed a right for the face and in a clinch which followed, Dempsey punished his rival severely about the stomach. Dempsey jabbed his left to the face. In a clinch, the champion battered Carpentier severely about the stomach with rights and lefts.

Carpentier, crouching low, tried a right for the jaw. The blow landed high on Dempsey's temple. Both boxers tried with rights for the jaw. Carpentier missed. Dempsey landed with a glancing blow. A clinch followed in which Dempsey forced Carpentier to the ropes and there pounded the challenger hard about the stomach. Dempsey, the stronger of the two, easily roughed his rival around and landed heavily to the mid-section. As the men were being broken Carpentier was off balance, and with the added weight of a right to the body, sprawled over the second strand of the ring, where he hung momentarily doubled up, his glove tips supporting him outside the ropes. Dempsey stepped back as Carpentier quickly came erect without a count. Carpentier tried a right and missed before the bell ended the round. It was Dempsey's round.

Second Round

Crouching low, swaying his head from side to side and with his arms drawn protectingly against his jaw, Dempsey forced Carpentier around the ring. Carpentier retreated carefully, slowly, his left extended as he danced back on his toes and his right poised, ready to strike. Suddenly Carpentier leaped in with a left jab and followed with a right high on the head. Dempsey disregarded the blows and shuffled steadily in pursuit. In a clinch Dempsey pounded his rival's stomach. He pulled Carpentier around roughly as if the challenger was nothing more than a toy and dug a hard right under Carpentier's left arm to the stomach before the referee commanded them to break. Carpentier landed a right to the face as he stepped back out of the clinch. Dempsey retaliated with a right to the stomach and a left hook to the face.

Carpentier halted his retreat and leaped in swiftly with a left hook to the jaw as Dempsey walked steadily in. The blow shook the champion and sent him, slightly dazed, back against the ropes near a neutral corner. The crowd, quick to realize the challenger's advantage, encouraged Carpentier. Everybody seemed to sense a critical situation, akin to a climax. Carpentier followed his left hook with a crushing right, which landed cleanly on the champion's jaw. Dempsey was shaken from head to heel. His eyes were glazed. He was wide open for assault in the dizziness resulting from the blows. The crowd went into a frenzy. There were visions of the title changing hands.

Carpentier sought to follow his advantage. He was over-anxious. The challenger missed with a right, and Dempsey, sliding inside the blow, fell into a clinch. Instinctively Dempsey plied his blows to the stomach. Carpentier, stepping back, jabbed with his left and suddenly pumped his right furiously in an attempt to bring the champion down. Swaying before the assault, Dempsey had the sense this time to throw up his guard. He blocked the blows and clinched. The champion plainly was in distress. Carpentier landed another right on the jaw, and again Dempsey sought the refuge of a clinch. Dempsey's senses began to return. The champion threw up his left shoulder in the typical Dempsey hunch. It afforded a protection for the jaw. Gradually Dempsey recovered and crowded Carpentier. The latter tired perceptibly under his own furious assault. Dempsey, plodding steadily in, grazed Carpentier's face with a right, which raised a lump and drew the blood from under Carpentier's left eye.

It was Carpentier's round.

Third Round

The champion, crouching low and with his guard raised high in protection of his jaw, crowded Carpentier. Carpentier, retreating before the champion's advance, evaded a left hook for the face. Dempsey crowded the challenger to the ropes, where Dempsey landed a right on the side of the face, which stung Carpentier. The challenger grazed Dempsey's chin with a right uppercut, which sent Dempsey's head back. Carpentier landed a right to the jaw at long range. In a clinch, Dempsey pounded his rival severely about the stomach, and, shifting his attack, clubbed his right to the back of Carpentier's neck in the famous "rabbit punch."

Dempsey had Carpentier in full retreat now. Carpentier, backing steadily, tried with a left jab, which missed. A clinch followed in which Dempsey inflicted more body punishment. Carpentier had no defense against the close work of the title holder. Dempsey easily outroughed his comparatively frail rival in the work at close quarters. Carpentier missed a right lead and fell into a clinch. Stepping back immediately, Carpentier missed with a right for the jaw. Dempsey, with lowered head and chin resting on his sturdy chest, followed cautiously as his rival retreated, with his right poised to crack on the instant. Carpentier missed another right, and as the challenger circled about the ring Dempsey nailed him with a left hook to the stomach. The blow made Carpentier gasp. Dempsey crowded back the challenger into a corner and there battered away with rights and lefts to the stomach. A right under the heart made Carpentier's knees give convulsively. Dempsey shifted his attack to the head and was battering his way past Carpentier's arms when the bell sounded the end of the round. Carpentier was in distress. The bell had come to Carpentier's rescue. Dempsey's round.

Fourth Round

Dempsey, shoulders crouched and with his mighty right poised ominously for the knockout blow, gave Carpentier little opportunity for rest. He crowded Carpentier and, finally cornering the challenger, went inside a feeble right to close quarters. Dempsey dug his right with full force into Carpentier's midsection. The challenger winced from the power of the blow. Dempsey worked with both hands to the stomach, landing punches which made Carpentier's admirers apprehensive as they crashed home. The blows hurt. A clinch followed, and Dempsey resumed his severe body assault at close quarters. As they broke Carpentier retreated steadily before the champion's persistent offense. Dempsey pursued Carpentier until the latter's back was almost at the ropes near a neutral corner.

Like a flash Dempsey's right slipped through the air and landed flush on the jaw of the challenger. Carpentier crumpled. Carpentier fell face forward as the mighty blow toppled him to the floor of the ring. The crowd was hushed. Their idol was on the verge of defeat.

Not a muscle moved in Carpentier's body while Referee Harry Ertle droned off the monotonous ring count. The toll reached nine without a movement by the fallen hero, and then, with a surprising suddenness, Carpentier leaped to his feet, prepared to resume the battle. Referee Ertle's swinging right arm had almost completed the ten-second count when Carpentier sprang up. The result was not averted. It was only delayed. Carpentier impulsively threw up his arms as a guard against the blows he knew must come. He began to slip away from the champion, retreating as Dempsey pursued him about the ring. Dempsey followed eagerly. The destructive left was held in position to crash down the worried Carpentier at the slightest opening. The champion hooked his left lightly to the right side of Carpentier's face. Carpentier's guard went up and the champion crashed under his rival's left arm a right to the heart. Carpentier's body quivered. Dempsey crashed a right to the jaw and Carpentier toppled inert to the floor.

The challenger fell almost in the center of the ring. He collapsed in such a position that his head was digging into the resined canvas. Referee Ertle jumped quickly to a position over the stricken boxer and began the count. It seemed superfluous. Carpentier was defeated. The crowd realized this. It waited breathless while Ertle tolled off the seconds. Dempsey, sullen, and with the air of a man who has acquitted himself as was expected, walked leisurely to Carpentier's corner, where he stood gazing down at his fallen rival as the count proceeded. When the ten seconds' count was completed, Carpentier still lay with head buried in the floor, his right leg supporting the weight of his lower body, while he kicked convulsively through the air with his left leg. Carpentier was counted out 1 minute and 16 seconds after the start of the round.

IN VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

By JIM JOHNSTON

POWELL RIVER: In the feature attraction of a card staged by Tommy Maher, Jackie Turner, clever bantam buzz-saw, puzzled Art Bettridge of Powell River in winning a popular five-round decision. Jimmy Crook, now boxing as a middleweight, scored a good win in the semi.

Tommy Fung, local Chinese lightweight, pulled quite a surprise when he drilled highly-touted Jackie Crook in two heats. Fung nailed Crook with a smashing right hand flush on the chin to send Jackie west for the night. In Fung's next start he dropped a duke to the Air Force's Bert LePetre. LePetre's experience proved too much for the Chinese youth.

Kid Kormato, of Saskatchewan, came close to handing Hank Egli his first knockout when the Kid unleashed a powerful left hook to Hank's button to drop the favored Airman to the canvas in the initial round. Egli, who also doubled as promoter, managed to get to his feet at nine and last out the round. Hank fought a little more cautiously for the remainder of the bout and outboxed Kormato to win the verdict.

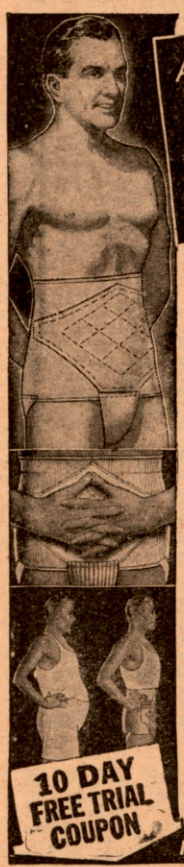
In a slow semi, Wally Angell and Al Clarke boxed to a standoff. Glen Robinson outpunched Bernie Lewis.

In a good club show promoted by Tommy Paonessie, Lyle Kehoe, Northwest featherweight champ, decisioned Jimmy Andrews. Billy MacDonald and Harold Robbins, southpaws, threw plenty of leather for four rounds with MacDonald getting the unpopular verdict to reverse a previous knockout suffered at the hands of Robbins.

Fight Highlights: Vancouver's last two major fight shows, both promoted by Sgt. Bob Orr, drew over 13,000 persons. . . . Regular fight shows are being staged at Bremerton, Washington, by Frank Smithers. The last show at Bremerton featuring Lloyd Rolph and Snooks Lacey drew well. . . . Joe Martin, former Calgary promoter, is now in Vancouver and is handling Hank Egli and Jackie Turner. . . . In a recent Bremerton fight, Hank Egli was stopped by Warner Holland in seven stanzas. The fight was stopped due to a cut eye received by Egli. . . . Australian Jack Allen, former welterweight champ of Australia, now a middleweight, is now training for a comeback. Allen, who has scored 44 knockouts in 50 fights, will soon show in Bremerton.

Ralph Clarke, who a few years back was Vancouver's most promising welter, is back in training. Ralph has been discharged by the Army after three years' service. In Clarke's last local fight, he knocked out Gordie Woodhouse in five. Ralph was named prospect of the month in the March, 1942, issue of THE RING.

Phil Palmer, Vancouver welterweight, is doing well in New York. Phil decisioned Vince LaSalva and Joey Peralta in his last starts. . . . This writer is booking boxers of all weights. Any promoter, boxer, manager or fight fan who wishes to contact me, address your letters to Jim Johnston, 4889 Blenheim Street, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.



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Somewhere in Italy

THE end of the war in Europe leaves the Allies with a greater determination to finish Japan, after scoring their great Victory over the Nazis. The incentive of our fighting men and their equally fighting friends of other nations is to hurry the defeat of Japan and once more return home to our Beloved Ones. The future of Japan is plainly written in every loving home of democracy, for "the land of the rising sun" is fast becoming "the land of the setting sun."

Naples, Italy—Rather a colorful night for the initial spring fight card of the 24th Replacement Depot. Tip top bouts, led by the popular Ray (Sugar) Cain in a double showing, and the appearance of Matchmaker Jimmy Toney on his own card, excelled. Cain, Pro Lightweight King of the Tyrrhenian Area, first took on George Watson, Pittsburgh puncher, and won in three rounds to open the show. Then in the four-round main event, Cain defeated and halted the winning streak of Manassus Matthews of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

When back home, boxers feel an accomplishment in turning the iron man stunt, let them remember this Negro boxer, Cain, who wouldn't let his buddies down.

Matchmaker Toney of Detroit answered his troublesome fight pairings by taking on Willie Robinson of Marietta, Georgia, and holding the favored Willie to a three-round draw in the semi-spot.

A pro heavyweight match, Neville Wootten, San Diego, Cal., versus Carl Stevens, Philadelphia, went to the Californian in three rounds.

Lew Farraro, a South Bend, Ohio, lad, won his fight with Bob Mears, Dayton, Ohio. Sammy Johnson, opposing Andy Segar, Danville, Kentucky, won his bout, also three rounds.

An exhibition four-rounder between outstanding middleweight boxers, Junius Woods and Jesse Hoskins, met with high approval. Woods is the Inter-Allied Amateur Middleweight King, having garnered the crown at the Rome meet. Hoskins, of Chicago, is a capable CYO belter.

Siena, Italy—Results of a fight card held here follow: Felton Ross, 92nd Division, from Chicago, went to a draw with Pat Kelly, 12th AFSC, Brooklyn, in a welter duel. Mastre Angelo, 120, Naples, beat the bigger Johnny Johnson, 125, Los Angeles, of the 92nd Division. Mike Montanino (Vinnie Rossano), 154, 12th AFSC, Brooklyn, put the stopper on Clyde Baker, 156, 92nd Division, Pittsburgh, in round two. Melvin Pulling, 127, 92nd Division, Dayton, Ohio, decisioned Danny Laranzo, 124, of Florence. Eddie O'Neal, 154, Hot Springs, Arkansas, 12th AFSC, put James Turner, 157, Detroit, 92nd Division, into dreamland in the second. Willy Huff, 195, 92nd Division, of Pittsburgh, upset and outpointed Joe Louis' favorite, "Baby Dutch" Culbertson, 190, 12th AFSC, of Brooklyn, in the five-round main event. With the exception of the knockouts and the main event, the other bouts were of the three-round variety.

England—Because of the role Sweden has played in the war, aiding our enemies, British amateur boxers prefer to face Russian and Norwegian glovers in preference to the first named country. This reply was given to Oscar Soderlund, Swedish president of the International Federation of Boxing Association, when he approached C. F. Gosling, joint secretary of the ABA. Mr. Gosling hinted at German influence on European boxing during the past four years.

Mr. Gosling said: "We in Britain have always held Swedish sportsmanship in high esteem, but I imagine our members would place Sweden low in the list for post war matches. They cannot be blamed for feeling that they might be boxing a team which possibly included men who, consciously or unconsciously, have been aiding our enemies."

Liverpool, England—Peter Kane, former Flyweight Champion of the World, is in a Liverpool hospital awaiting the outcome of an operation on his eyes. He faces the gravest crisis of his career. A lapel of another's coat caught Peter in his right eye when in his dressing room and he was sent to the military hospital. It caused his release from the Royal Air Force later. Kane is 27 years old.

England—Tom (Doc) Whittaker, who used to treat American boxers arriving in England, notably Petey Sarron, former Featherweight Champion of the World, is equally adept at treating damaged aircraft for the RAF. Whittaker, on the breaking of World War II, enlisted as a physical training instructor. Later he was transferred to the engineering sector of the Royal Air Force.

Rome, Italy—Pfc. Bernie Cady, fifth army pro featherweight boxer from Washington, D. C., mentions in his mail that Larry Cisneros, an outstanding welterweight with the fifth, also had scored a one-round kayo at the expense of an Italian scrapper in Rome. Larry is doing special service work at the fifth army rest center in the Italian city, most commendably.

England—Best known of the recent British amateur boxers to turn to the pay game, is Mark Hart. The 20-year-old amateur (ABA) heavyweight boxing champion will be managed by the popular English boxing figure John Harding.

In Germany—Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Florida, heavyweight fighter and knockout specialist, who was badly wounded by enemy fire in Germany, has fully recovered. Gomez entered the battlefield shortly after his arrival overseas from the states.

Want to thank Billy DeFoe for his great work in sending boxing and sports clippings for the boys on this here side to read. Billy sends them all to this corner and from here, men on the front lines are first priority. In forwarding Billy's newsy flashes, the boys are bound to keep well informed on sports activities. THE RING takes care of the boxing side, thanks to the courtesy of RING Editor, Nat Fleischer.

Pvt. Pete Montesi, swell soldier and one of the best liked figures in the fight game, has obtained artificial limbs at the England General Hospital in Atlantic City, N. J. Pfc. Vernon McLean, former member of the writer's hospital unit, is at the above hospital where Vernon is now on duty. Both are great pals of your correspondent and met recently, and wrote me about their meeting.

Italy—A question in *The Stars and Stripes* Sports Question Box, from Sgt. H. R. Maddock. Here it is: Who was leading on points in the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight until Conn was knocked out? The *S and S* gave the Sergeant this reply, taken from Nat Fleischer's quotation in THE RING Magazine: Quote: "Referee Josephs voted up to the 13th round when the kayo was registered by Louis: Conn, 7 rounds; Louis, 5. Judge Haley had the score 6 to 6; and Judge Monroe's score favored Conn 7 to 4 and 1 even."—Nat Fleischer in THE RING Magazine.

With the British 8th Army in Italy—L/Bdr. Jock Gibson, in charge of boxing and physical training in his regiment, writes that he has an exceptional amateur boxing prospect in Bobby Newman, a 19-year-old London lightweight. Young Newman has an experienced teacher in Gibson, who has a good record of professional fights and helped train the fighters in Rome for the Allied Championships held there December, 1944.

Naples, Italy—What we would love to term the silliest and most unsportsmanlike attitude to prevent British boxers in the Naples area to compete in the 118th Station Hospital Boxing Tournament which will decide the Pen-South boxing team that faces the touring Persian Gulf glovers, comes from the office of Captain Geoffrey Schollick, the British boxing chairman. He gives his reasons for the withdrawal of 35 or so British fighters, in the following:

1—The presence of Italian boxers on the card.
2—The fact that admission is being charged.
3—Payment of War Bonds as prizes.

The tournament was open to all Allied members in that area and now that the English lads were given the heave-ho by their own chairman, it leaves the show open to Americans, French, Italians, and Canadians. If Captain Schollick were not too hasty in his judgment, he would realize that Italian boxers also appear on fistic shows in Foggia, and Bari, with admission being charged at both places.

The British authorities seem to believe that every Italian boxer wields his fists professionally, but do not seem to understand that these Italian glovers in the tourney are not civilians, but soldiers. If British soldiers are allowed to participate against Italians in Bari and receive money and still be considered an amateur, why is the Italian soldier considered a professional when he faces a Britisher? This is the attitude of Captain Schollick and his board and a helluva note.

When the sponsors of the tourney offered to switch rules from Intercollegiate to Olympic, in order to keep the British in and also were willing to request the three Italian entrants to withdraw so that 35 or so Britishers might participate, that was also turned down. A silly situation!

East Italy—Corporal Ed Moroney, Chicago boxing follower and member of the Writer's Hospital Command, was informed by his close friend, Roger O'Brien, also of Chicago, that Joey Petrice, Chicago pro boxer of 1928, '29, and '30, was killed in action somewhere in Italy. Petrice fought as a lightweight. His training was done at the famous Kid Howard's (Howard Carr) Gym. Petrice fought among others, Roger O'Brien. The latter, now in the Chicago fire department, was formerly in the same stable with Harry Dublinskey.

Naples, Italy—Having resumed service boxing, the 118th Station Hospital thanks its Bossman, Colonel W. H. Huntington, of Portland, Oregon. The Good Colonel, carrier of a cane, wearer of a goatee, had to go through all kinds of red tape, but he won out in the long run. Invaluable assistance was received from "Pensouth" special service section, which is headed by Captain Earl J. Shiflet.

The matchmaker for the 118th Station Hospital is Pvt. Frank Vandermee, a former trainer at Stillman's Gym in New York City. The rear of the hospital has Frank's version of a Stillman's and here is where the fighters will do their training. Helping him is Calvin White, 7th Regimental Amateur Welterweight Champ, in 1942. The building that houses the gym is a former Italian troops quarter. Captain F. W. Chesrow is in charge of the gym. Prior to the war, Captain Chesrow was a former director at the CYO in Chicago and among his pupils was Jesse Hoskins, middleweight boxer who is here and trains at the gym. The boxing shows here attract civilians as well as servicemen and with a small charge for admission, the boys bring their "dates" and friends. The admission basis is to enable the performers to receive something for their efforts, in war bonds.

Northeast Italy—*The Crusader*, one of the British newsies for the Empire troops throughout Italy, also passed to American servicemen in our area, carries a good sports quiz column with boxing questions a big favorite. Among the queries asked the readers: These are the real names of some well-known boxers. What are their ring names—R. W. Adrian, Alexander Borshuk, Jack Bergman, Joe Bamford. The ring names in order being: Kid Tanner, Al Delaney, Jackie "Kid" Berg and Jock McAvoy. Question No. 2 follows with: Who were the British and American boxers who met 17 times in America, 8 times for the title? Answer here is: Ted "Kid" Lewis and Jack Britton, and in their title fights Britton won four times, Lewis three, and one bout was a draw.

The third question for the readers: What world title fight last for two days? And the answer here is: When Dal Hawkins won the 9 stone title in 1889 he knocked out Freddy Bogan in the 91st round at San Francisco. They fought 75 rounds, the first day and were declared even. They continued the following day for another 16 rounds.

Senigallia, Italy—The war's end here in Europe has caused many restrictions on censorship to be lifted and the boys are now allowed to be told of their exact location. Your humble correspondent is located in Senigallia, Italy, a few miles below Rimini, one of the worst hit cities by Allied Forces. Senigallia is a resort center on the Adriatic Sea and the area here and further up is in charge of the British 8th Army, which is aided by the hard-hitting Second New Zealand troops, the scrappy Maoris from New Zealand, the ever courageous, dependable Polish, and others. And naturally our own Air Force has been in there every moment.

Leghorn, Italy—The Peninsular Base Sector (Main) boxing team was a little too good for their visiting brethren, the PBS South, in an exciting meet at the "Yankee Stadium," and carried away the team verdict, 5½ to 3½. A knockout was among the winning team's achievement. One bout ended in a draw.

One of the referees was the former flyweight champion of the world, Sgt. Fidel La Barba. The results are as follows:

Lloyd Virdure, 126, Main, got the call over Lou Ferraro, 125; Lou Mazella, 155, Main, trumped over Dale Brittain, 165; Tom Young, 145, Main, outpointed John Caprotti, 147; Emmett Tucker, 163, Main, took the decision from George Parson, 160; Jesse Hoskins, 163, South, stopped Thomas Wells, 165, in the third round; Richard Orange, 147, South, beat a good boy in Rand Davis, 148; Billy Miller, 150, Main, halted Ed Crook, 155, in the third; Jimmy Toney, 165, South, won from Robert Johnson, 165; Carlo Litz, 137, Main, and Harrison Burr, 136, South, went to a three-round draw. Henry Jones, 190, and Willie Robinson, 185, met in a three-round exhibition.

Italy—Lt./L.L. Proctor asks: What date did Joe Louis win the world's heavyweight championship, and when did Joe Louis fight Natie Brown in Detroit. Answer to the first is: June 22, 1937; and second, March 28, 1935. Pfc. Harry Skropski wants to know what two fighters died shortly after their bouts with Primo Carnera and Max Baer respectively. Answers: Ernie Schaaf and Frankie Campbell.

The writer's address: Pvt. Tom Ephrem, 34247550, c/o 60th Station Hospital, APO 793, c/o Postmaster, New York City, N. Y. All Servicemen with boxing news, or questions, are more than welcomed in our corner. Servicemen boxers can have their pictures published in THE RING also. We will be more than glad to send in your picture.

Italy—Did Joe Louis ever draw a million dollar gate, and if so, who was his opponent? This is the question of 2nd Lieutenant Maurice Fazlollah. Louis and the second Max Schmeling bout drew $1,015,012, and the Louis-Baer fight drew $1,000,832, including radio and motion picture rights.

Pvt. Henry Arns wants to know which of the Baer brothers, Max or Buddy, defeated Pat Comiskey. It was Max. He kayoed the New Jersey heavyweight puncher in the first round, September 26, 1940.

Pfc. Manuel Orta's question is: "What became of Bob Pastor, the heavyweight boxer who fought Joe Louis twice?" Pastor was recently discharged from the Army. He originally was in the ski division, then was transferred to physical training. He was a lieutenant.

Italy—Practically every boxing question hitting the sports desk of the *Stars and Stripes* here in Italy pertains to the heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Louis.

IN HAWAII
By PFC. MACK SHERMAN

SHOWING for the first time in six months, Billy (Perpetual Motion) James returned to the ring wars on Saturday evening, May 12, and gave Sabas Jamito, the old veteran, a sound trouncing at the Civic Auditorium. It took Billy boy a round or two to get warmed up and when he did he kept throwing the leather harder and faster as the bout progressed. James made the fight an interesting one, and only Jamito's ruggedness prevented him from being K.O.'ed. It was definitely James all the way with Jamito never at any time in the fight. James really got started in the third and rocked Jamito with short right-hand uppercuts very frequently.

From the third round on, James was sharper and more deadlier and during the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, Billy gave the aged Filipino an unmerciful licking.

This was the second straight victory for James over his old stablemate, for last October James K.O.'ed Jamito in six rounds. No knockdowns or blood were evident during the entire affair. James came in at 135¼ and Jamito weighed 137.

The semi-final of four rounds proved to be the best bout of the evening when Joe Colon, 122, slammed out an interesting decision over the tough southpaw, Victor Sagpang, 125.

Colon put to good advantage his reach and his very effective hard right hand which he threw frequently, hitting his target quite often. Although Colon won every round, Sagpang made the fight interesting enough by his aggressiveness and willingness to mix it.

The balance of the prelims were all four-rounders. Al Ganigan, 118½, eked out a hairline decision over Philip LaBang, 116½, in a slow bout.

Young Bolo III, 139¼, gained the duke over crowd-pleasing Ice Cream Williams, 145½, in a hard-fought bout. However, there never was any question as to the verdict.

Richard Oshiro, 126, came back from a defeat last week to spill Speedy Garcia, 127, in the second. Garcia was dumped four times in the first only to be chilled in the second.

Joe Collins, 146¼, made an auspicious debut at the Auditorium when he put away Clarence Garrett, 139½, in the first. It appeared that Collins had been around in much better company. The crowd numbered 3049 and the gross was $4636.

The winner of the fight at the Civic Auditorium on May 7, made a statement to Leo Leavitt, the promoter, a few weeks ago to the effect that he was a main eventer and not a prelim boy, in which contests he had participated. Well, Llewellyn Strohlin proved his statement by decisively whipping the popular Johnny Ledesma over the eight-round route in Strohlin's first top bout.

Strohlin proved to be the better fighter in every department. He outboxed and outpunched Johnny. Strohlin was definitely the aggressor during the entire evening and piled up a comfortable lead until the final heat, when Ledesma elected to fight. Strohlin was awarded the decisive decision.

No knockdowns were scored. Strohlin came in at 141½ and Ledesma weighed 135½.

The semi-final scheduled for five rounds was awarded to Antonio Generalao, 129½, over veteran Eddie Salazar, 134. It was a tame affair. Salazar was dropped for a three-count early in the fourth, and thereafter the fight continued to be dull. The balance of the prelims were all four-rounders. Victor Sagpang, 125, won a hard-earned decision over Richard Oshiro, 125, when he got off the floor in the first to come back and make a fight of it and then dropped Oshiro for a count of five in the final round to gain the duke.

Another hard-earned fight was awarded to Clarence Garrett, 140¼, over Ice Cream Williams, 146. Low blows cost Williams the bout.

In the opener, Jim DuPont, 135½, stopped Young Bolo III, 138¼, in the second. The crowd was 3253 and the gross was $5156.75.

We said Aloha to Moe Lipton, Mickey Kane and Al Glassman on their return to Honolulu after spending some time in New York on business trips.

We also said Aloha to Jerry Ross, that popular Brighton Beach sportsman, who left the sunny shores of Waikiki for a short soiourn to the great White Way via Ebbetts Field.

The finals in the all-service Army vs. Navy bouts were captured by the Navy by a score of 5 to 4. Among those present and acting as judges were Col. Harvey L. Miller, former prexy of the NBA, and James J. Braddock, the former heavyweight champ, and now a captain in the armed forces.

In a most thrilling contest, Wm. (Billy Boy, Perpetual Motion) James made a strong comeback in the latter rounds to upset Yasu Yasutake in the eight-round main event at the outdoor Honolulu Stadium. Billy rallied in the late rounds to gain the decision and maintained his unbroken record to score his ninth straight victory. Yasu started out beautifully in the initial round by outboxing Billy and shooting straight rights to his opponent's face.

The second was close enough to be even, but Yasu continued to jab Billy very effectively when Billy came boring in to gain a slight lead in this round. Yasu again took the lead in the third by delivering hard straight rights to Billy's face.

The fourth was all Yasu, when immediately after the bell sounded, he planted one flush on Billy's chin and completely rocked him on his heels. Billy looked for cover, but Yasu was on him like a cat and shot across a half dozen more hard rights that staggered James after each blow, but Billy came back to weather the storm.

The sixth was a whirlwind round with both boys standing toe-to-toe for the entire distance, landing damaging punches. James drew blood from Yasu's nose during this round. James carried the seventh with a relentless attack to his badly battered and tired opponent. However, the fight was fairly even up to this point with James commanding a slight lead until shortly before the bell when Billy dropped Yasu again for a six-count. These two knockdowns gave James a decided edge.

Both boys sensed that the eighth and final round would decide the contest and they slugged it out like veterans. Yasu opened a cut over Billy's left eye but it didn't seem to bother the kid and he just continued to bore in and threw leather as if nothing had happened. James came in at 132½ and Yasu weighed 131½.

The balance of the card was made up of four-rounders that completed a popular program for Leo Leavitt, the promoter. In the semi-final, an upset was scored when the veteran Eddie Salazar, 135½, outboxed, outhooked and completely outclassed the war horse, Sabas Jamito, 136¼. Salazar gained every round. Joe Colon, 122¼, and Victor Sagpang, 124½, staged a thrilling return go, with Colon capturing the duke. A low blow cost Sagpang the fight. Richard Oshiro, 123, and Al Ganigan, 124, fought a draw. Phil LaBang, 115¼, decisioned Kaoru Fujiyama, 115. In the opener, Joe Collins, 145¼, stopped Clarence Garrett, 141½, in one round. The crowd was 8,478 and grossed $19,235.25.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

AMATEUR boxing has proved popular with Kansas fans this month, and inter-city bouts staged in Topeka, Wichita and Salina have brought attention to some really outstanding talent being developed in this territory.

In Wichita, May 16, amateurs provided big thrills on a one-night card at the Forum with the hard-punching Bud Love coming within an inch of scoring the season's biggest upset as he dropped a hairline decision to National AAU bantam champion, Amos Aitson, of Riverside Indian School. Results follow:

105 pounds—Lindy Burgess, Riverside, School, decisioned Joe Burnette, Oklahoma City.

175 pounds—Felix Sifuentez, Wichita, decisioned Dub Elam, Wichita.

147 pounds—Louis Williams, Wichita, decisioned Elton Parton, Riverside School.

147 pounds—Vernell Anderson, Wichita, decisioned Virgil Whitefox, Riverside Indian School.

175 pounds—James McDowell, Oklahoma City, decisioned Bert Waymire, Wichita.

135 pounds—Herschel Acton, Oklahoma City, decisioned Jean Frisby, Wichita.

118 pounds—Amos Aitson, Riverside, decisioned Bud Love, Wichita.

160 pounds—Hosea Caw, Wichita, won by technical KO over Jack Craig, Oklahoma City, 2 rds.

The card was completed by ten fights between Wichita fighters of the novice division.

This correspondent's card in Topeka, May 31, brought together an array of fine talent from Wichita, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Haskell, Topeka Army Airfield and Topeka, with the following summaries:

Connie Stamps, 100, K. C., decisioned Lillard Steele, 100, Topeka.

Ted Smith, 80, K. C., decisioned Richard Hernandez, 80, Topeka.

Vernell Anderson, 149, Wichita, decisioned M. C. Wilson, 153, TAAF.

Gilbert Carter, 112, Topeka, decisioned Harry Bentley, 112, Wichita.

Sidney Caples, 130, K. C., TKO'd Marion Smith, 130, Topeka, 1:42 of round two.

Raymond Young, 160, K. C., decisioned Felix Sifuentez, 162, Wichita.

Rufus Smith, 125, Topeka, decisioned Harvey Kelly, 125, Wichita.

Floyd Wamego, 130, Topeka, decisioned Sammy Reynolds, 135, Wichita.

Louis Williams, 125, Wichita, decisioned Charles Harrison, 128, Haskell.

Lloyd Harrison, 105, Haskell, decisioned Ulysses Hawkins, 105, Topeka.

Edmond Carr, 126, K. C., decisioned Lewis Shukahoosee, 125, Oklahoma City.

Pvt. Sam Smalley, 165, TAAF, decisioned Bert Waymire, 160, Wichita.

Warren Coleman, 156, Topeka, decisioned Hosea Caw, 156, Wichita.

Jackie Darthard, 128, K. C., KO'ed Jackie Wilson, 131, Topeka, 1:19 minutes of round one.

Professional wrestling is drawing capacity crowds in this area. Some of the well-known mat stars currently popular here are: Orville Brown, NWA champion, Ed Virag, NWA champion, Lee Wyckoff, Vic Holbrook, Joe Cox, Jack Hader, Lord Albert Mills, Karl Davis, Billy Kuusisto, Al Szasz, Don McIntyre, Ray Eckert, Prince Emir Badui, Gene Blakely, Roy Dunn, and many others.

Chief Chewacki, rough and ready grappler, well liked here, has been aboard the aircraft carrier *Lexington*. The CPO admits life can be tough on the big flattop, but says his biggest job was keeping out of the way of planes.

Charles Lutkie, wrestling star formerly from Fort Riley, has had better than a three-year stretch in the army and has recently been in the hospital in Germany but is on the job again.

Ernest De France, former up-and-coming Wichita boxer, now in the Navy, recently participated in Philadelphia's Diamond Belt of Champions. He also won two out of three bouts in Cape May, New Jersey.

Billy Duke Andrews, clever Wichita lightweight, has received an honorable discharge from the army and will assist with the coaching of your writer's boxing team in Topeka.

News of wrestlers and boxers always welcome: Address: Juanita Yeargain, 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kans.

In Sunny California

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Lige Drew decisioned Solomon Stewart, 10, New Bedford, Mass.

Tony Olivera decisioned George DeGidio, 8, Minneapolis.

Jorge Morelia decisioned Guy Serean, 8, Philadelphia.

Lige Drew decisioned Gene Roberts, 6, Boston.

Victor Flores lost the decision to Leroy Jackson, 8, Cleveland.

Elmer Ray decisioned Larry Lane, 10, Chicago.

Jimmy McDaniels kayoed Solomon Stewart, 9, Holyoke, Mass.

Tony Olivera lost the decision to Jackie Graves, 8, Minneapolis.

Neva Esparza decisioned Vic Costa, 8, Boston.

Al Ware was stopped by Tiger Jack Fox, 9, Spokane, Washington.

Bert Lytell decisioned Lige Drew, 10, Holyoke, Mass. (both of California).

Guy Serean stopped by Danny Bartfield, 6, New York City.

Lou Nova decisioned Charley Eagle, 10, Boston.

Tony Olivera decisioned Chilindrina Valencia, 10, Detroit.

The Mail Box—*Wm. R., Honolulu*—Manuel Ortiz is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Wayne Lambeth, RM3/c, Philippine Islands—Yes, the Sgt. Leo McCormick I mentioned is the one you know. I regret that I have misplaced his address. (Maybe he will see this, and write again.) Yes, I am acquainted with Tom Louttit of Portland. I met him at the Multomah Club years ago.

Sgt. Al Hagar, Somewhere in Europe—Many thanks for your kind expressions. Yes, Jimmy McDaniels is doing fine. Red Green is a chief specialist at San Diego Naval Training Station, where he is in full charge of boxing. Regards from Augie, who is at Southwest Arena nearly every week.

J.S.C., Minneapolis—Yes, your city is my former home. Yes, that was me. Yes, I met Glen Flanagan out here. He boxed at my club a number of times. He has been shipped out.

Dick Leverett, 1509 Lamar Ave., Houston 3, Tex.—I know of no one who might be interested in your collection of photos, records of boxers, etc., but am writing out your full address in case some reader of this column might be interested in purchasing such a collection.

A.J., Seattle, Washington—Danny La Verne of San Francisco was the first California boxer to be killed in this war. He was killed during the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Leo Youngblood, SSML 2/c, U.S.S. Otus—Happy to hear of you being safe and sound. Yes, many of the boys write of Inglewood and Hawthorne days. Will give your message to Frank Johnson and Johnny Forbes.

Sgt. Ray Heling, Milwaukee—Sorry, I do not recall a Vic Brockie, and can get no info on him. Yes, I remember George Fulton. He fought here many times while stationed at Port Huemme. He is a pretty good fighter.

Garth Fanning, Portland Ore.—I answered your questions by letter.

F.K., Dallas, Tex.—Rumors of Babe Edwards being wounded, missing, etc., are unfounded. This writer is in touch with his parents and any official news of such nature will be reported in this column.

M. P. Curran, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia—The information you wish is being sent by letter. Thank you.

Geo. Stevens, Indianapolis—The gate top for Hollywood Stadium is about $8000. That gate of the Armstrong-White go was because the prices were upped. It was a benefit show and netted $19,370.

J. P. MacGowan, Lethbridge, Ala., Canada—No, the Ortiz-Safora contest was not close. Ortiz won easily. I have no photos of boxers to sell.

This writer's address is, Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June Street, Hollywood 38, California.

CONTINENTAL BOXING NEWS

By IRWIN GOLDIE

IT has been many months since this correspondent made a contribution to our favorite boxing digest, THE RING. In those months since leaving the Alamogordo, New Mexico, Army Air Base for overseas duty, I have traveled through many climes and environs. It was from the Alamogordo A.A.B. that I contributed my monthly column titled, "New Mexico and Vicinity."

In the time that I have been overseas, my work has been that of athletics for the air forces, and with the aid of USSTAF Special Service, I have been able to stage some very interesting boxing shows and tournaments for the many enthusiasts in the service. These past seven months have found me knocking about from camp to camp in England, Ireland, Italy, Corsica, Sicily and France with Cpl. Billy Conn and "Blockbusters," a troupe of air force boxers.

Through the courtesy of Col. William Baily, Chief of Special and Information Services for the United States Strategic Air Forces, Cpl. Conn and his entourage of boxers entertained thousands of servicemen in the European and Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Cpl. Conn and troupe traveled 25,000 miles by air, land, and sea to accomplish this assignment. Over 150 boxing exhibitions were staged for the pleasure of American and Allied troops, numerous personal appearances were made, and many hospitals and military rest camps were visited.

The troupe consisted of Cpl. Billy Conn, undefeated Light-heavyweight Champion and number one contender for the world's heavyweight crown, Cpl. Leo Matriciani, 210-lb. heavyweight from Baltimore, Maryland. Cpl. Harold Raskin, light-heavyweight from Chicago, Illinois. Sgt. James Wade, Birmingham, Michigan, light-heavyweight. Pfc. Wilton "Tut" Tabor, middleweight from Oakland, California. Pvt. Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, New Jersey, welterweight. Pfc. Lou Cecere, welterweight from Batavia, New York. Sgt. Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo, New York, featherweight. Pvt. Jerry Pecararo, featherweight from New York City. Cpl. Howard "Porky" Moreno, Santa Barbara, California, Bantamweight. Lt. Maury Schwarz, of San Francisco, California, was the officer in charge of the troupe and the writer served as assistant director for the tour.

The average person would be inclined to think that traveling as an entertainment unit in the Army would be a soft touch, but do not be misled, sleeping in tents, slit trenches, fox holes, blown out buildings, catching your meals on the run, and often riding across open country through war torn towns on an empty stomach, is far from the last word in comfort. However, it was a great experience for us all, and we are willing to do it over again for the boys who are out there defending democracy and the freedom of speech.

We took part in the Inter-Allied Boxing Championships in Rome. The boys were always willing to help in any way possible, during the tournament and through the training sessions they helped the competing boxers to get into condition, trained with them, advised them, related their many experiences while on tour, and in some instances helped to second them through their fights. Just before the night of the finals, they put on their own show, before a capacity audience that crammed the Brancaccio Theater to see them. I am certain that should they have been permitted to enter the tournament, they would have taken a few of the titles. The ever-willing Cpl. Conn boxed in exhibitions and refereed a few of the championship bouts. We had previously spent two weeks putting on shows for the boys up at the Fifth Army front, and after traveling about and living as we had, our visit to Rome was a real treat.

We met Sgt. Fidel LaBarba, former World's Featherweight Champion, in Naples and again in Rome. Fidel was looking fine and had recently married a very attractive Italian girl from Naples. We also met Honey Mellody, former Boston lightweight, who is a sergeant in an armored division. Ezzard Charles, classy Cincinnati, Ohio, light-heavyweight, waded through all opposition to take the professional title in the Rome tournament. He was stationed only a few miles up the road from Honey Mellody's bivouac.

Others whom we met in our travels and should interest readers of THE RING were: Johnny Kapovich, Dixie Fleming, Larry Cisneros, Joey Pena, Jackie Donovan, Enrico Venturi, Steve Klaus, Marcel Cerdan, Rene Pons, Stanley Goiz, Murray Cain, Victor Amato, Cleveland Brown, Andrew Roy, Richard Romero, and numerous others whose names escape me at this writing.

I ran into RING correspondent Tom Ephrem on Corsica. When we popped in on him he had just been relieved from his tour of guard duty and was catching up on his correspondence. Tom is really a swell boy and is always willing to help out wherever he can. Through the generosity of his commanding officer, we were able to spend some hours together. He brought out some fight film on Billy Conn's bout with Louis and we all enjoyed watching the film as it was run off in this G.I. theater on the French island possession.

I could go on for hours writing about the tour and the many experiences we had and the people we met, but time and space do not allow it.

The tour has since dissolved, the boys having gone back to their parent organizations. I have taken up my work in the Athletic Division of USSTAF Special Service, and Cpl. Conn is now giving boxing instruction to Special Service athletic officers at a school in France set up by the Army Special Service branch. At a later date, we may reorganize and go on another tour.

Three of last year's air force champions won the United Kingdom Tournament when Cpl. Leo Matriciani, 23-year-old Baltimore, Md., heavyweight, won in his division. He accompanied Conn on his tour and boxed exhibitions with Sgt. Freddie Mills, British Empire cruiserweight champion, Sgt. Jack London, British Empire Heavyweight Title Holder as well as the Canadian heavyweight, Al Delaney, outpointed Cpl. Willard Reed, Indianapolis, Ind., State Amateur Champion in the U.K. finals. Pfc. Herbie Williams, Air Force Light-weight champion, won the title at his weight when he kayoed Cpl. Trinidad Marques of El Paso, Texas, in thirty seconds of the opening round. Williams, an ambitious Negro, who hopes some day to emulate his idol Henry Armstrong, comes from a city, New Orleans, La., that turned out many world champions. Sgt. Aaron Kahn, dubbed the fighting cook, won the light-heavyweight diadem in outpointing Sgt. James Wade from Birmingham, Michigan. Kahn has a peculiar style of milling and can draw an opponent out, he packs a mean wallop and when he hits them right the bout usually comes to an abrupt end.

Other air force boxers who won out in the U.K. Tournament were Sgt. Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo, New York, featherweight, who shows great potentialities and Pfc. Howard "Porky" Moreno, Santa Barbara, Cal., flyweight, who has plenty of class.

Out of an original hundred odd entries comprised of American air men, ground force, and Navy boxers, eleven air force boxers went to the finals, and won five out of seven titles.

I won't go into detail on that tournament since Mark Fannon RING Correspondent for the United Kingdom Service boxing, will probably write about it.

THIRD SERVICE COMMAND BOXING RESULTS

THE annual Third Service Command boxing tournament, held at Fort Story, Va., ended with a victory for the squad from Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., who scored 28 points to nose out Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., by two points. The tournament, which lasted three days, was mostly for the entertainment of the Convalescent Hospital patients stationed at the Fort. The Athletic Office of the Third Service Command, comprising all Army camps in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland, sponsored the tourney and awarded trophies to the winners of the seven amateur bouts and the eight professional bouts, in addition to a large silver trophy to the team making the most points.

Pfc. Petey Scalzo, now stationed at Camp Shanks, N. Y., formerly featherweight champion of the world in '39-40, was sent down to referee the matches. He was assisted by Nicky "Machine Gun" Jerome, stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., who was a contender for the featherweight title during Scalzo's regime. Chief Petty Officer Tony Zale, middleweight champion of the world, now in the Navy, was present at the tournament during the first round and acted as one of the judges. When the announcer introduced Zale to the crowd, he received a magnificent ovation.

Following are the results in the finals:

118-pound professional class—John Benzenhafer, New Cumberland, Pa., decisioned Ted McEwing, Indiantown, Pa., in three rounds.

125-pound amateur class—Cy Bennett, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., unopposed.

125-pound professional class—Jimmy Carmosine, Aberdeen, Md., unopposed.

135-pound amateur class—Pvt. Tim Dalton, Camp Pickett, Va., beat Art Giles, Indiantown Gap, in three rounds.

135-pound professional class—Cpl. Buddy Garcia, Aberdeen, unopposed.

145-pound amateur class—Herman Zelano, Fort Eustis, Va., nosed out Emmett Coffey, Holabird Signal Depot, Md., in three rounds.

145-pound professional class—Hank Majcher, Aberdeen, had a hard time in decisioning Joe Cooper, Indiantown Gap. Cooper's low blows lost him the match.

155-pound amateur class—Jimmy Murray, Fort Eustis, Va., had to keep throwing leather for the entire time he was in the ring in order to defeat Al Preslinger, Camp Pickett, Va. This was the outstanding match of the tourney, both boys slugging it out toe-to-toe for three action-packed rounds. This match was the fourth for Preslinger during the tourney.

155-pound professional class—Jimmy Edgar, A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Va., unopposed. In civilian days, Edgar fought Jake LaMotta.

165-pound amateur class—Billy Rynne, Camp Patrick Henry, Va., beat John Taylor, Indiantown Gap, Pa., in three rounds.

165-pound professional class—Ellis Stewart, Holabird Signal Depot, Md., beat Jimmy Weed, Camp Lee, Va., in three rounds. Stewart has fought such boys as Popeye Woods, Johnny Finazzo, Reedy Evans, Howard Bennett and other topnotchers. His trainer was Jerry Martin, who fought for the featherweight A.A.U. title in the twenties.

175-pound amateur class—Amos Williams, A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Va., T.K.O.'ed Harold Gissen, Indiantown Gap, in 1:15 of the first round.

175-pound professional class—Clem Richards, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., T.K.O.'ed Dick Petty, Indiantown Gap, in 0:43:1 of the third round.

Heavyweight amateur class—Livingston Wilkinson, Aberdeen, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Dasher, Edgewood, in 1:34 of the third round.

Heavyweight professional class — Enrique "Tiny" Ecker, Indiantown Gap, won the decision over Gene Mernone, Camp Patrick Henry, Va. Ecker weighed 320 pounds, to Merone's 240.

HAMILTON FIELD, CALIF., BOASTS FINE BOXING TEAM

HAMILTON FIELD, CALIF., boasts an excellent boxing team. It has tackled all service teams in home-and-home series in the "Bay Area" of California and the team has been fortunate in winning most of its matches.

Pvt. Jimmy (Irish) O'Rourke, middleweight, hailing from Minneapolis, has won from all of his opponents via the K.O. route. O'Rourke entered the P.A.A.A.U. tournament and was crowned champion by T.K.O. At present he is training under Lt. Floyd Phillips, Hamilton Field boxing coach, for a boxing card to be presented before the delegates of the United National Peace Conference at San Francisco.

Pfc. Frank Berrios, idol of the Negro squadron, is training for a comeback after an extended furlough. Berrios, a 19-year-old boxing gem from the Bronx, New York, weighs in at 183 pounds. Berrios' right hand is a death warrant for any of his contestants. The soldiers at Hamilton Field look forward to the Negro lad's measuring off an opponent for the K.O. This usually takes place in the second round of a scheduled three-round bout.

Berrios entered the Golden Gloves tournament and breezed through to capture the championship. The young Negro heavyweight has the potentialities of another Brown Bomber.

The above mentioned stars are surrounded by other boxing aspirants, making a well-rounded Post team.

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION TEAM ADDS TO VICTORIES

By CPL. DAVID L. MEYER

PENINSULAR BASE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY—Under a broiling sun, the undefeated Peninsular Base Section boxing team continued its winning streak by beating the 8th Replacement Depot boxers, four bouts to three, at the Depot ring near Florence. Two thousand soldier fans saw two T.K.O.'s and one knockout in the hotly contested bouts.

Pfc. Billy Miles of Indianapolis, Ind., hard-hitting PBS flash, scored his second knockout in two starts when he floored Pvt. Gadson Mouzon, Philadelphia, Pa., for a T.K.O. in 1:52 of the third round. Miles has the fastest left in Italy and even the roundhouse swings he uses can't be stopped. When he learns to hit right from the shoulder he's going to be the 146-pounder of the year back in the States.

Pvt. Jimmie Moore, 160, 8th Replacement Depot, Chester, Pa., just about got warmed up when he accounted for the second T.K.O. over the Italian Army's Bruno Questa in 1:15 of the first.

A right hook by Pvt. John King, light-heavyweight from Cincinnati, O., K.O.'ed Pfc. Bob Maith, 175, of PBS, Baltimore, Md., in 1:36 of the first round.

In the liveliest bout of the day, Cpl. Henry Jones, Detroit, Mich., North African Allied heavyweight champ, won a clean-cut decision over Pvt. Carl Stevens, Philadelphia, Pa., of the 8th Depot in a five-rounder. Stevens kept rushing Jones all over the ring but the North African champ took the advances coolly and countered with rights and lefts that kept piling up the points. A polished boxer, Jones, one of the Army's most popular fighters, got a big hand as usual after the bout.

The PBS boys have won their last four team matches and remain unbeaten in competition in Italy. Despite V-E Day and the end of the Italian campaign, the men are still on the job on a 24-hour, seven-day week schedule. This huge supply base, commanded by Brig. Gen. Francis H. Oxx, has still plenty of work to do and the men continue to do their boxing and training on off-duty time.

Other results: T/4 Larry Hanson, PBS, 128, Cleveland, O., beat Sgt. Cleo Dinwiddie, 127, Evansville, Ind., decision; Pfc. Thomas Young, PBS, 136, St. Louis, Mo., won by decision over Pvt. George Conelly, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pvt. Robert C. Hundley, 8th Depot, 135, New York City, decisioned Pvt. John Mowas, 135, Chicago, Ill.

Referee: Sgt. Theodore C. Twine; judges: Lt. Edward C. Sylvester, Jr., and Cpl. Irving Hyden.

PBS trainer: Pfc. Carl Litz; manager, Sgt. Jules Shanbron; 8th Depot trainers, Sgt. Howard E. Toliver and Pvt. Howard Threatt; manager for 8th Depot, Lt. William L. Gwynn.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA ring followers saw some mighty good scraps last month. Record crowds saw the bouts at the Palace of Sports. This new building is something about which to boast and Madison Square Garden hasn't much on it, either.

Louis F. Gutierrez, popularly known here as "Pincho," is Cuba's new boxing commissioner. Gutierrez, universally famous in bringing Kid Chocolate to the top of fistic heights, knows all there is to know about boxing.

Gavilan Kid, lightweight sensation, scored a nine-round kayo over Santiago Sosa, former champion. Julio Pedroso, dusky Cuban welterweight, easily beat Babe Coullimber in ten rounds.

National Kid, former featherweight champion, was beaten by Arquimides Yirac in ten rounds of good fighting. Segio Napoles, tough bantam, scored a one-round K.O. over Armando Dubuchet. Rogelio Aldazabal, good welterweight, beat Alfredo Castro in a one-round knockout. Rolando Delgado scored a one-round K.O. over Andy Rodriguez (bantams).

Pedro Poey, lightweight contender, defeated Arquimides Yirac in ten rounds. Angel Sanchez won from Frank Castro in six good rounds. Jesus Varona, bantam, outpointed Pedro Ibañez in six.

Peter King, classy featherweight, defeated Albert Pena in six rounds. Pedro Calderon, 124, beat Nanito Kid, and Jorge Cruz, 115, won from Baldomero Aldama, 116. Bartolo Medina, featherweight, won from Gallego Alvarez in four rounds.

Joe Legon, Cuba's welterweight champion and biggest attraction in boxing, had tough luck when he lost by a technical kayo to Hankin Barrows of Panama. Legon bled profusely from his left eye, and Manager Orbeta did not allow him to leave his corner in the sixth round. Barrows is a good boy, and made a hit. A return bout would fill the arena to the rafters.

Alfredo Quintana won a good six-rounder from Hector Delgado (featherweights). Bebo Garcia, 135, beat Rafael Lastre, 134, by a five-round kayo. Baby Leonard was an easy winner over Bulldog Camagueyano in eight rounds. Gilberto Dominguez won from Rogelio Hernandez, 124, in another six-rounder.

Mike Acevedo, Cuba's featherweight champion, drew in ten rounds with Charlie Cabey Lewis of the U.S.A. Acevedo floored Lewis three times in the opening round. The fight was a corker. Jesus Vila beat Julio Pedroso, both welterweights, in eight rounds. Hector Delgado, 126, beat Santos Hernandes, 124, in six. Salvador Castro, 145, kayoed Guajiro Salvage, in four rounds. Gilberto Dominguez beat Gallego Alvarez in four rounds. Baby Scull beat Jonas Fundora in four rounds.

Manolo Fernandez, for years Cuba's most popular trainer, is still going strong. As a second he is hard to beat, and his services are always in demand.

Luis Fernandez is another of Cuba's new promoters. Fernandez is planning on importing some topnotch boxers for the coming months.

Luis Godoy and Armando Alejandre, also Elpidio Pizarro, are doing excellent promoting and it looks as if 1945 will be a big year in Cuban boxing. Godoy has been importing U.S. talent for many of his shows.

IN BRITISH GUIANA
By COMPTON SANTOS

ONE of the largest crowds in many years witnessed the downfall of Young Joe Louis in an elimination welterweight bout at the Olympic Stadium, Georgetown. It was the fourth meeting of the title contenders, Len Houston and Young Joe Louis, with Houston scoring a T.K.O. in the seventh of a scheduled ten-rounder to chalk up his third K.O. victory over Louis, who holds but one win over Len. Houston scored knockdowns in the third and seventh rounds before the bout was halted by the referee. Houston weighed 140, Louis 143.

The opening preliminary was also a welterweight contest, between Young Zivic and Freddo Simmons, with the former receiving the duke after four rounds of sharpshooting. Both boys weighed 140. Chris Young, a veteran of ring wars, used his vast experience to good advantage in whipping Young Samuels after four rounds of milling. These boys also came in at the same weight, 131 pounds.

The six-round semi-final was a real corker, between Young Gibbs and Nick Farley. Gibbs came back from a terrific shellacking in the third frame, when he took three counts, to cop the unanimous decision. Farley, at 144, had a two-pound advantage.

Preceding the main event was an amusing affair featuring two battlers of the past, "Battling Mike," 138 pounds, and Thunderbolt Joe, 134 pounds, which ended in a draw.

Young Abrigo, British Guiana's flyweight champion, retained his crown at the Olympic Stadium, Georgetown, by scoring a three-round T.K.O. over Bobb Semple. With the exception of the fact that the champ manifested his superiority from the outset, the bout had little of the thrilling aspects associated with a title scrap. The challenger's handlers wisely threw in the sponge after one minute, 48 3/5 seconds of the third frame, to save their man from useless punishment. Abrigo, at 110 pounds, was five pounds heavier than Semple.

There were three closely contested preliminary bouts, the first of which brought together Kid Vincent, 106, and Risco Kid, 113½. These "Kids" fought evenly all the way to a draw.

Joseph Bradford, 116½, and Young Jensen, 118, fought a ding-dong tussle, at the end of which the former was on the better half of a split decision.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Ned Gittens, 126½, received the verdict over Young Agard, 127, when the latter refused to go to it, after the referee broke a clinch. He was disqualified, and Gittens declared the winner.

Boxing fans in British Guiana witnessed the second championship bout in one month, when George "Stinging Ant" Fraser bowed to the young contender, Young Montana, losing his bantamweight crown, which he proudly wore for over six years. The decision, at the end of the 12-round battle, was a split one, and unpopular with the majority of the crowd. These boys met once before in a non-title affair, with Fraser receiving the unpopular decision. The new champ tipped the beam at 114, while the Ant came in at 115.

In the six-round semi-final, Tiger Shark won an easy decision over Ken Thomas. This scrap was a bit on the tame side.

Harry Payne boxed beautifully to take the decision from Nick Farley in a welterweight contest of four rounds duration.

Young Samuels and Young Agard, a couple of young gamecocks, fought furiously over four rounds to a draw.

At last boxing in British Guiana seems to be on the march. Thanks to the cooperation of the British Guiana Boxing Board with Promoter Rufus Steven, we've seen three titles settled, after a very long period of arguments, with regards to claimants to the titles and purse difficulties.

At the B.G.C.C. grounds, Phil Thomas, on Whit Monday, we saw the welterweight title at last settled. The leading contenders, Len Houston and Al Prescod, battled it out for the right to wear the crown, with Houston scoring a T.K.O. over Al in the seventh of a 12-rounder to occupy the vacant king's chair.

Prescod, at 138, was indeed very light, and should have carried his usual fighting weight into the ring, then maybe it would have been his glory. He was way in the lead up to the time he quit, which was due to his weak state. He scored a knockdown in the first stanza, but himself was floored in the fifth for a nine-count. Houston weighed in at 142.

In the only preliminary go, Young Gibbs, 150 pounds, defeated Young Joe Louis, 144, over six rounds. He dropped the first two rounds, but took the remaining four, almost at will. He seems to be a strong contender for Houston's crown.

Some time ago Young Tanner and his brother, Young Jack Johnson, left this colony for Trinidad to engage in several bouts. Johnson lost his scrap to Bob Martin by a very narrow margin, but the crowd seemed to see otherwise, for they booed the decision.

Tanner was paired with Raphael Perez, the crack Venezuelan lightweight, at the Woodbrook Stadium, and came through with flying colors, by scoring a K.O. in the eighth of a ten-round affair. Tanner has returned to British Guiana for training for his future 15-round contest with Barbados' triple crown champ, Kid German, which is to take place in Trinidad.

FLASHES FROM TRINIDAD—Kid German of Barbados keeps piling up victory after victory, and it seems as though he just can't be stopped. He added Venezuela's Vic Moreno to his string of victims by pounding out a ten-round decision over the Latin-American at the Mucurapo Stadium, Trinidad. Moreno, despite losing, fought a great battle, and received a terrific ovation from the large crowd. He took a seven-count in the second frame, but came off the deck to worry the champ throughout the balance of the fight. German tipped the beam at 135, to 140 for Moreno.

On the same card, Al Tunney, lightweight king of Trinidad, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Lightfoot Kid of Barbados. The Kid took the first heat, but was heated out in the following two rounds. At 135, the loser had a one-pound advantage.

Another sparkling bout on the all-star card saw Tiger Flowers of Dutch Guiana taking the play away from Malcolm Jordon over eight rounds. The "Tiger" took a count in the third session, but overwhelmed his opponent the balance of the way to get the officials' nod.

In a lightweight contest, Cyril Francis made his professional debut a successful one at the expense of Sonny Greenidge, by scoring a K.O. in the third stanza over the Sonny boy.

From Curacao comes word of the defeat and retiring from fistic wars of Papacito, at one time a very good middleweight. He was defeated by Joe Morenajo of Cuba, via a T.K.O. in the seventh round at Rif Stadium, Curacao. This is the second win over Papacito by Morenajo, the other being in Aruba.

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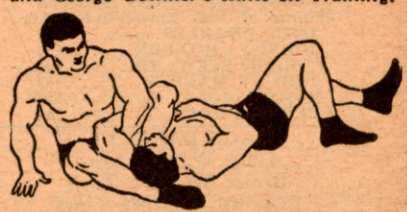

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At the opening show of the Meadowbrook Bowl the results were:

Joe Curcio, 151, Newark, decisioned Tony Riccio, 149, Bayonne (10); Freddy Bernard, 139, Paterson, kayoed Pat Murray, 140, Paterson (6); Sammy Crandall, 159, New York City, kayoed Jimmy Picollo, 153, Elizabeth; Robert Leadbetter, 168, Newark, beat Danny Freeman, 178, New York (4).

Don Kerr, Red Cross recreational worker from New Orleans, who lost a leg in an accident, boxed a draw with Cpl. Mario Centi, Newark boxer, at the Lawson General Hospital before amputee patients . . . . George Gunther, who was seriously ill at Newark City Hospital, is once again on the road to recovery and has been discharged as a patient.

Results at the Twin City Arena: Freddie Archer, 146, Newark, outpointed Billy Daniels, 149, Detroit (10); Vincent Jones, 151, Tampa, kayoed Charlie McPherson, 160, New York City (1); Johnny Davis, 186, Brooklyn, defeated Jim Neville, 205, Elizabeth (6).

At Paterson: Jimmy Mills, 147, Warren, O., decisioned Joey LaMotta, 149, New York City (7); Clint Miller, 125, Elizabeth, stopped Sammy Tischler, 127, Bronxville (4); Joe Blackwood, 155, Paterson, beat Billy Johnson, 161, Bloomington, N. Y. (8); Lindy Miller, 131, New York, T.K.O.'ed Joe Henderson, 134, Brooklyn.

Freddie Russo, 131, Rahway, T.K.O.'ed Julie Bort, 137, New York (7); Charlie Fusari, 142, Newark, stopped Tommy Sloan, 142, Brooklyn (7); Bobby Berger, 155, Los Angeles, stopped Joe Jackson, 166, New York (2).

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send 25c in coin or stamps and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark 2, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around Jersey and metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties can contact same address. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope and previous record.

Freddie Archer, 147, Newark, outpointed Johnny Jones, 152, Pittsburgh.

Archie Devino, 121, outpointed Benny May, 120, Montreal (6); Monty Klein, 144, New York City, outpointed George Johnson, 135, New York City (6); Clarence Cotton King, 138, West Palm Beach, outpointed Al Mobley, 143, Newark (6); Sammy Tischler, 130, New York City, outpointed Al Victoria, 137, New York City (4).

Maxie Fisher, local boxer, has been placed in charge of boxing at his airfield in India . . . . Allie Stolz, 132, Newark, outpointed Frankie Leta, 136, in the eight-round main event at Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

FOR his first outdoor show of the season, Joe Turner presented an eight-round feature bout involving two local sensations, Joe Gannon and Frank Sweeney. It was the boxer against the puncher and in eight furious rounds, Gannon proved his mastery by outpointing Sweeney in an exhibition of boxing that was a show in itself. Frank was there with his kayo punch but the Dancing Gannon, with his flicking left, was too much for Sweeney to overcome. Despite this, the officials rendered a split decision. Gannon scaled 154 and Sweeney, 156½.

In a six-round semi-windup, Smuggy Hersey, 151, Washington, decisioned Don Ellis, 155, Washington, with Ellis down twice in the first and once in the sixth. Despite the three knockdowns Ellis was in there all the way, resulting in a hot scrap.

Two sixes complete the prelims with Jimmy McGriff, 145, Washington, outpointing Sammy Thompson, 140, Washington, while in the opening six Flattop Cummings, 149, Washington, continued to win via kayos by punching out Gary Rice, 153, Alexandria, Va., in 1:44 of the fourth stanza. An excellent card, but attendance down, due to cool weather.

Joe Turner's next show featured a trio of eight-rounders to top an excellent card. It was the last indoor show and it was a fitting close to an indoor season that proved to be one of the best. Billy Banks, 136, Washington, decisioned Billy Morris, 137, Washington, in a fast bout that saw Morris running out of gas in the final rounds.

The second eight brought Frank Sweeney, 163, Washington, and Nick Manfredo, 168, Baltimore, together again in another rematch. As before, Frank emerged victorious. The third and last eight, saw Al Johnson, 163½, Philadelphia, lose to Frankie Wills, 156, Washington, via the kayo route in 2:25 of the third.

In the previous two rounds Johnson was well ahead only to lose in the third heat.

In the prelims Flattop Cummings, 149, Washington, returned to the win column with a nifty kayo over Mario Gentile, 144, Baltimore, in 1:50 of the second. It was a scheduled sixer. The opening four saw Waddy Temple, 133, Washington, outpoint Billy Reed, 128, Sparrows Point, Md. An excellent show to a capacity house.

The fistic combo of Turner and Menendez, for their second outdoor show at Griffith Stadium, featured Bee Bee Washington and Baltimore Johnny Finazzo in a 12-round bout. This was the fourth meeting of the pair, with Washington at his best. He gained the unanimous decision. He won nine of the twelve rounds. Washington weighed 159 to Finazzo's 162.

In a six-round semi-final Billy Banks, 136, Washington, won an easy decision over Steve Bilko, 139, New York City. Three sixes comprised the preliminaries with Johnnie Ditto, 160, Baltimore, and Don Ellis, 155, Washington, battling fast and furiously to a draw.

Norval Gaddis, 144, Washington, decisioned Eddie Sneed, 150, Washington, while Otis Harris, 192, Washington, kayoed Joe Finazzo, 194½, Baltimore, in 1:23 of the second round. Card was excellent and well attended.

Before a disappointing crowd of 3080 persons, Joe Turner featured Joe Baksi, the Kulpmont, Pa., klouter against Dixie Oliver, local heavy for his bi-monthly fight card. Baksi outweighing Oliver by nine pounds, 210 to 201. He clipped Dixie with a hard right cross that dumped Oliver for a nine count, and seconds later let loose a right to the jaw and a left to the stomach and all action for Oliver was over for the night. Time of kayo 1:35 of the seventh round.

It was a good fight to watch with Baksi winning four of the six rounds before the kayo. Joe was constantly winging punches to Dixie's midsection with much success, while Oliver back pedaled flicking an occasional left into Joe's face.

Oliver looked good in the fourth and fifth heats but Baksi came back strong in the sixth showing signs of things to come in the seventh. A swell scrap headlining a good card.

In a sixer following the main go, Don Ellis, 155, Washington, outpunched Flattop Cummings, 149, Washington, in a fast bout. In the prelims Paul Roderick, 169, Washington, copped the duke over Ernie Pope, 172, Washington, in a good sixer, while another six-rounder saw Sammy Thompson, 135, Washington, outslug Joe Murray, 135, Camden, N. J., and in the opening four Arthur "Red" Jeter, 181, Washington, and Joe Green, 182½, battled to a draw. Gate was $8,004.00.

5660 paying customers paid $13,833 to see Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavy, kayo Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio, in the Liberty A.C.'s first outdoor show. Time of knockout was 2:43 of the fifth round. For four rounds the action was fairly even with Walker using an effective left hand, while Godoy was most successful with an attack to the midsection. Early in the fifth, during an exchange of body punches, Walker dropped to the canvas for an eight count. Arising, he traded punches with Godoy only to be on the receiving end of a hard right to the midsection and sweeping left hook to the jaw, which ended the bout.

Godoy scaled 199 to Walker's 190.

In a six-round semi-final Smuggy Hersey, 150, Washington, out-pointed Jimmy Taylor, 153, New York City, in a wild swinging affair. Yancey Henry, 203, Washington, featured the prelims by kayoing Julio Diaz, 180, Cuba in 1:27 of the first. Two fours completed the card with Waddy Temple, 133½, winning over Ernest Parker, 127½, and Paul Roderick, 171, outpointing Jimmy Johnson, 171.

In a ten-round bout, Bee Bee Washington proved to Capital fistic fans that he is ready for the big time, by virtue of his decisive victory over Brooklyn's Frankie Terry.

It was Bee Bee all the way. He used a left jab and also used his left as a hooking weapon. Terry was cut under the chin and one eye was bruised. This was the same Terry, the Brooklyn Fireman, who had a draw with Rocky Graziano and lost a terrific battle to the highly-regarded Harold Green, so perhaps our Bee Bee is ready for the big time.

The decision was unanimous, with Referee Marty Gallagher giving Washington all ten stanzas, while Judges Jimmy Sullivan and Dr. O. U. Singer voted eight to the Double B with two even. Washington weighed 159½, to Terry's 157.

In the semi-final, a ten-rounder, Frankie Wills, 153, Washington, and Georgie Williams, 151½, Baltimore, fought to a draw. Wills looked good in winning the early rounds, only to run out of gas in the closing rounds to get a draw.

Billy Banks, 137, Washington, had too much experience to cop the duke over Sammy Thompson, 139½, Washington, in eight. Sammy was game, but Banks had too much on the ball.

Two fours completed the card, with Norval Gaddis, 143½, Washington, winning over Ray Hanbury, 142½, Washington, while Mr. Walker (formerly known as Ernie Butler), 147½, Washington, decisioned Flattop Cummings, 149, Washington. Three thousand persons braved chilly weather to put $6633 in the coffers to see a good show.

The District of Columbia Commission voted to set up certain qualifications for seconds of fighters at its weekly meeting. Formerly, licenses were issued almost automatically upon payment of fees. Each applicant will be checked as to fitness, experience, background in handling fighters both in the gym and while engaged in actual bouts . . . . Introduced from the ring at the Washington-Terry fight were Leroy Dugan and Jackie Carter. The former fought in the old Portner days in Alexandria and is a member of the Army, while the latter is a fighting Marine, who thrilled District of Columbia fans in late 1940 and early 1941, by his slashing battles . . . . All was quiet in the dressing room prior to the Washington-Terry match. Eddie Daly, old-time pro and custodian of the gloves, didn't have much to say as George "Elbows" McFadden was present. Elbows holds a 12-round kayo over Eddie.

Pete Mancini was a spectator at the bouts. Pete, founder of Pete's Southwest A. C., is just back from a tour of the Pacific, with thrilling tales of Okinawa, Leyte and other spots. Pete, a Navy man, expects to leave shortly.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

ELMER RAY, ranking Los Angeles, Calif., clouting heavyweight, won in convincing manner the decision over Larrupin' Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J., 192-pounder, at the Chicago Coliseum under Jack Kearns' banner. The bout went ten rounds. Ray proved his prowess as a close-quarter puncher, when he all but ripped Lane's head off with his terrific blasts.

For the first half of the battle, Big Elmer made the elusive Lane fight the Californian's style of attack—hammer and tongs exchanges. This proved to be the New Jerseyite's undoing. Only in round three was Lane able to gain the honors—and that in a two-fisted body exchange with Ray in a neutral corner and Lane on top of him, smashing away with both hands without a let-up. This lasted for almost two minutes.

In the last five rounds Lane jabbed with deadly effect, but he couldn't overcome Ray's advantage. Ray scaled an even 191 pounds.

Tony Musto, Blue Island 203-pounder, has achieved two victories since his honorable discharge from the Navy—both via the kayo route. Musto's latest victim was Charley K.O. Jackson, 222-pound Detroiter. For two rounds Tony had his hands full, especially in the second, when Jackson tagged the "Baby Tank" with a slashing right just above the Italian's left eye that stunned Musto.

Musto became enraged and thereafter slugged his way to victory. The third round was brief as diminutive Tony was all business. The Blue Islander unleashed one tremendous left hook that toppled Jackson in a cartwheel fashion to the canvas for the "count." The time was 21 seconds.

Mike Parshey, 178-pound Detroit sensational kayo artist, repeated his knockout dosage to another Chicago foe—this time Charley Polk, South Side 175-pounder, was the recipient in the short span of 51 seconds of the opening stanza.

McKinley English, 195-pounder from Pontiac, Mich., stopped Lindy Elliott of New York City in the fifth heat. Time, 2:41. Elliott weighed 230 pounds.

O'Dell Riley, the fighting Negro with the Irish monicker, repeated his knockout triumph over dapper Johnny Flannagan in the opening canto. Flannagan, also a Negro, and hailing from Chicago's South Side, didn't have a chance. He was dropped four times and then went out in 1:27. Riley weighed 183 and Flannagan tipped the beam at 188 pounds.

Approximately 4000 paid $13,700. Ray received $2200 and Lane earned $1800.

Freddie (Red) Cochrane, world's welterweight champion, recently honorably discharged from Uncle Sam's Navy, fought Pete Lello at Jacksonville, Fla., and Pete was stopped in two rounds. Lello scaled 148 to Cochrane's 147.

Collins Brown and William Johnson, a pair of Negro middleweights, collided in a rip snortin' contest in Chicago. Brown put Johnson down for counts of nine, six and nine in the first, and Brown was down for a nine-count in the fourth. In the seventh, Brown floored Johnson with a head attack and also hit Johnson while off his feet, knocking his foe through the ropes. William got back in the nick of time, only to meet up with a ripping uppercut for the final count in round seven.

Robert Satterfield, popular young Negro light-heavyweight, made short work of Charley Roth, Detroit 195-pounder, in a third bout in 1:43 of the first round. Bennie Droll of Peoria stopped George Baca, 157, Detroit, in 1:23 of the first heat. Young Mitchell, 175-pound Negro of Chicago, won on a technical knockout over Ely Bates, 175, also Negro, in round two. In the curtain-raiser, Eddie "Kid" Carson, in and outer, won over Kid Raymond, fellow Negro Windy Cityite, in a welterweight shindig.

Leo Rodak, popular Chicago lightweight for many years and for the last two and a half years a boxing instructor for the U. S. Marines in California, is now overseas, according to Bobby O'Dowd.

George "Sugar" Costner is gradually redeeming himself following his twin knockout losses to Shug Robinson and Jake LaMotta, respectively.

Johnny Bratton, classy Windy City lightweight, had little opposition in Melvin Bartholomew, whom he annihilated inside of four rounds. Melvin hit the deck three times and was counted out in 2:47. This was a Marigold Gardens headliner.

In the semi-windup, Art Brown, South Side Negro, put Jimmy Pierce of Milwaukee away in five rounds. Nick Kachardus, West Side Greek, stopped Don O'Connor in round two. John Hubbard, Negro Milwaukee heavyweight, put Frank Green to sleep in round one.

Martin Rhoeten, another Milwaukee lad, won the only bout to go the route when he gained the laurels over Eddie "Kid" Carson, Chicago welter, in five rounds.

Over at the Marigold Gardens Arena, where Irv Schoenwald and Jack Begun hold forth, Robert Fowler, the fighting elevated conductor, stopped Joey Pirrone, Cleveland 141-pounder, in the opening frame with a mighty left hook that slit the Clevelander's right eye.

Art Brown, 149, of Chicago, ended his fracas with Lyn Nelson of Detroit in the second canto.

Ted Varnadoe, Chicago Negro South Sider, weighing 124 pounds, won a hair-raising encounter from Nick (The Greek) Kachardus, West Sider, in round three.

Jimmy Martin, 141, was credited with a three-round kayo over Caesar Douglas, and Cy Ellison won on a T.K.O. in the fourth over Harold Thomas.

Bill Parsons, ambidextrous punching Danville, Ill., Negro welterweight, fought a hot draw in Milwaukee with Bill Grier on the Maxie Shapiro-Juste Fontaine clash.

Robert Satterfield, bronze-skinned 171-pounder, fought a draw with Johnny Vorce, veteran 180-pound Detroiter. Satterfield was down for six in the seventh.

Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor, Ind., heavyweight, weighing 200 pounds, won easily over Young Mitchell, 195-pound Chicagoan, in the five-round semi-windup. Petersen won all the way.

Ted Newsom, 168, Gary, came through with a close win over Charley Jerome of Memphis, Tenn., at the Marigold Garden Arena in five rounds. Jerome scaled 175.

Bennie Droll, recently honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, displayed a Marine's typical determination and fire with a two-fisted three-round kayo over Harold Thomas, sharp-hitting Detroit Greek. The action was fierce.

In the opening fracas, Art Price, another Detroit representative, won a spirited contest from Jimmy Martin. They are 138-pounders and fought along the four-round route.

Attention, professional fighters who are returning to civilian life from the services: Contact Gene Engel for a continuance of your boxing career. My address: 2121 East 68th St., Chicago, Ill. Send me recent photo and past record.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS
By DAN "DOC" AVERY

GUS MELL, the Canadian featherweight, who lost to Sal Bartolo in a return match, is a good fighter and will go a long way in his class. He has given Boston boxing fans some great fights, including this last one against the East Boston champ. Only a few months out of the preliminary ranks, Gus has proven to the New England fight fans that he has the goods and will make the grade.

George Larover has caught on with the New England fans. He is a pretty good fighter, and his style of fighting is enjoyed. Another good boy who caught the eyes of the Worcester fans is Steve Bellus of New York, who gave Johnny Cool a going over in an eight-round main bout at Worcester, though Cool won.

Tiger Kiggans, the Indianapolis welterweight, has signed with the writer . . . . A Canadian featherweight who will be handled by the writer is Chuck Akworth, and his stablemate, a very good prospect as a welter, Young Flanagan.

Sam Price, well-known sports promoter, died suddenly at his Brookline home shortly after midnight on May 9. Price, who was 53, had attended the wrestling match at the Arena in Boston and returned home, when he was stricken. Sam for many years had been connected with the wrestling and boxing game as a promoter and manager. He is survived by his wife and two sons, one a Navy lieutenant and the other a student at M.I.T., Boston.

Fall River—Bally Carubia, 150, New York, won over Deacon Cooper, 145, also of New York, by a T.K.O. in five rounds. George Butler, 124, Hartford, won over Eddie Moran, Boston, in three rounds.

New Bedford—Steve Bellus, 133, Boston, lost a split decision in eight rounds to Al Freda of Worcester. Willard Buckless, 155, Saugus, won over Eddie Taylor, 154, New York, in eight rounds.

Boston—Steve Kronis, Boston, won over Rocco Progano, Stamford, Conn., in ten rounds. Steve Bellus, 135, Boston, beat Victor Jade, 140, Chicago. Tommy Moore, South Boston, won in eight rounds over Tommy Murray, Montreal. Frank Lydon, 183, deaf and dumb heavy from Jamaica Plains, scored a two-round K.O. over Ray Cobbs, 195, Roxbury. Pedro Crivello, 134, Cambridge, won from Johnny Priest, Cambridge, in six.

Worcester—Johnny Cool, 139, Worcester, won over Benny Singleton, 142¾, Waterbury, Conn., in ten rounds. Johnny Moran, 160, Cambridge, won over Frankie Wallace, 160, Roxbury, in six rounds.

Providence—Freddie Camuso, 150½, Fall River, outpointed Jackie Peters, 150¾, Trenton, N. J., in ten rounds. Ernie Davis, 140½, Trenton, K.O.'ed Eddie Moran, 135, Boston, two rounds.

Holyoke—Bert Lytell, 152, New York, T.K.O.'ed Mayhew Smith, 148, New York, four rounds.

Dingley Manages Porter

In the May issue of THE RING, Doc Avery stated that Jack Porter, whom he manages in the States, is handled by Norman Hurst and Johnny Best in England, but George Dingley informs THE RING that this is not so. He is the manager of Porter, the Scottish heavyweight, in the British Isles.

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New Haven, Conn.—Joey Angelo, 129, Philadelphia, won over Walter Cabey Lewis, 133, New York, ten rounds. Eddie Rossi, 167, Boston, won over Tony Gillo, 171, New Haven, six rounds.

New Bedford—Benny Singleton, 147, Hartford, won over Al Freda, 140, Worcester, ten rounds. Steve Bellus, 133, Boston, K.O.'ed Hal Lee, New York, two rounds. Two hours after the fights it was announced over the radio that the Bristol Arena was burned down by a fire which started from a cigarette. The damage was $75,000. Matchmaker Sam Silverman secured the Sargent Field ball park and will operate open-air shows.

Spider Armstrong has been discharged from the Canadian Army and has started training for a return to the ring.

Canadian servicemen discharged, or those who expect to be discharged, and all Canadian fighters who have good records and wish representation in the States, should contact Cliff McWhirter, well-known London, Ont., manager and trainer, at Village Street, Millis, Mass., U.S.A. Cliff is now associated with the writer.

Here are other New England results:

Boston—Pat Demers, 136, Brockton, won in ten rounds over Steve Kronis, 134, Boston.

Worcester—Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 126, Boston, won over Tony Ferris, 128, Fall River, in ten rounds. Willard Buckless, 150, Saugus, K.O.'ed Ernie Redcap Cooper, 146, Springfield, three rounds.

Webster—Mario Torres, 132, Puerto Rico's lightweight champion, K.O.'ed Leo Methot, 134, Canada, in the ninth round. Redcap Cooper, Springfield, was disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round semi-final, with Jimmy Bruz, 145, Albany, New York.

Fall River—Freddie Cabral, 151, Cambridge, K.O.'ed Jerry McGee, 150, New York, in third round. Pat Doyle, 136, Fall River, K.O.'ed Al Michaud, 139, Lewiston, Me., third round.

Boston—Lou Nova, 206, California, K.O.'ed Johnny Denson, 198, Indianapolis. Phil Terranova, 127, New York, won a ten-rounder over Vince Dell 'Orto, 126, New York. Harry Jeffra, 130, Baltimore, won over Sammy Garcia, 126, Quincy, split decision, ten rounds.

Providence—Bob Zullo, 148, Providence, scored a K.O. over Tony Soave, 144, in fifth.

Worcester—Johnny Cool, 137, Worcester, won in ten over Corky Davis, 136, Worcester.

New Bedford—Lige Drew, 150, Springfield, won in ten over Solomon Stewart, 150, New York.

Boston—Sal Bartolo, 128, won over Gus Mell, 130, Canada, in ten. Sammy Garcia, 128, Quincy, won over Jean Barriere, 132, Montreal, eight rounds.

New Haven—Berry Wright, 144, Cleveland, outpointed Jimmy Taylor, 150, New York, in ten. Tony Brandino, 148, Hamilton, Ont., won over Tom Collins, 151, New Haven, ten.

Providence—Louis Long, 192, Chicago, K.O.'ed Laurient Bouchard, 206, Montreal, one round. Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, 178, Montreal, K.O.'ed Maurice Bellanger, 174, Fall River, one round.

Worcester—Johnny Cool, 139, Worcester, won decision in eight rounds over Steve Bellus, Boston. This was a very close fight. Willard Buckless, 155, Saugus, K.O.'ed Henry Williams, 144, Philadelphia, two rounds.

Hartford—Red Doty, 150, Hartford, T.K.O.'ed Freddie Graham, 155, Brooklyn, N. Y., five rounds. Nick Stato, 136, Springfield, Mass., K.O.'ed Bobby Mathews, 132, New York, four rounds.

Boston—Lou Nova, California, won a ten-round decision over Charley Eagle, Connecticut. Nova weighed 205; Eagle, 185.

Providence—Freddie Camuso, 150, Fall River, won in ten rounds over Ernie Forte, 147, Providence.

Holyoke—Mario Ochoa, 166, Havana, Cuba, won over Broadway Johnny Jones, 157, Pittsburgh, ten.

Hartford—Charles (Saint Paul) Nunnally, 162, Springfield, scored a T.K.O. over Willis Scott, 159, New York, four rounds.

New Bedford—George Larover, 138, Philadelphia, won decision over Victor Jade, 140, Chicago, ten. Tony Soave, 158, Detroit, K.O.'ed Al Pinel, 157, New Bedford, four rounds.

Bangor—Ralph Walton, 139, Montreal, won over Alex Doyle, 142, Garfield, N. J., ten rounds.

Portland—Jean Barriere, 131, Montreal, won ten-round decision over Santiago Rivera, 136, Mexico.

Fall River—Steve Kronis, Boston, won by a K.O. over Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, four rounds.

Boston—Pedro Firpo defeated Paulie Young Jackson, ten. Weights: Pedro, 131; Jackson, 132.

Boston—Phil Terranova, New York, defeated Vince Dell 'Orto, Philadelphia, ten. Neva Esparza, 142, Mexico, won in eight over Vic Costa, 141, New York.

Providence—Jackie Peters, 149, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Verne Patterson, 152, Worcester, in two. Willard Buckless, 150, Saugus, won over Johnny Mara, 154, Boston, six.

Worcester—Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 126, Boston, K.O.'ed Billy Murray, 130, Roxbury, three rounds. Tony Ferry, 128, Fall River, K.O.'ed Eddie Berry, 132, Portland, four.

Holyoke—Jimmy McDaniel, 150, Los Angeles, K.O.'ed Solomon Stewart, 150, New York, nine. Dan Gallary, 156, New London, beat Mike "Red" Lucas, 151, Pittsburgh, six.

New Haven—Tony Gillo, 170, New Haven, K.O.'ed Eddie Silvia, 163, Providence, five.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY
(Pinch-hitting for Billy Colbert)

BLAINE YOUNG, middleweight from Minot, N. D., under the management of Emmett Weller, former Minnesota lightweight champion, is in the Navy and has been winning all his fights. He made a great hit in St. Paul about a year ago and Lou Gallup, St. Paul *Pioneer Press* sports writer, said he was one of the best prospects he had seen in years. This kid is a good boxer and puncher and will be heard from in the professional ranks when the war is over.

Duluth, Minn.—In the first professional boxing show held at Duluth in three years under Jack O'Brien, Max Parshay, 180, Detroit, knocked out Joe Stepka, 177, St. Paul, in the sixth round. Parshay knocked Stepka down three times in the sixth round before the referee stopped the fight.

In the semi-windup, Floyd Hagan, 140, just back from two years' service in the Navy, knocked out Chief Crazy Horse, 148, Poplar, Mont., in the second round.

Art Lambert, 150, Proctor, Minn., stopped Walter Stone, 145, St. Paul, in the second round. Erle Adkinson, 175, St. Paul, stopped Bill Luff, 198, in the first round. Jimmy O'Hara, St. Paul, knocked out Jack Taylor, 180, Rosemount, Minn., in the second.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., featherweight, won the decision over Tony Olivera, California, in eight rounds. The fight drew $16,000. Graves won every round except one in a great fight. Billy Smith, 138, Minneapolis, and Danny Robinson, 140, Chicago, boxed the semi-windup of six, with Smith getting the decision. Bill Peterson, 195, Chicago, won the decision over Hank Postaway, Scott Field, Ill., in six. Ray Spurlock, 155, Kansas City, drew in a six-rounder with Joe Evans, 159, Sioux Falls, S. D., in a great fight. Art Price, 130, Detroit, knocked out Al Irwin, Minneapolis, in the third round. Del Cockayne, 138, Des Moines, knocked out Kandy Kane, 137, Detroit, in the third round.

Johnny Dudley, Northfield, Minn., middleweight, is in the Navy and stationed in Virginia . . . , Merle Richard, Detroit manager, has a large stable of fighters and they have been boxing on all the cards in the Twin Cities . . . . Johnny Stevens, heavyweight, in the Navy in the South Pacific, is expecting a furlough soon, after three years overseas. Johnny boxed all the best boys around the Northwest and was a former sparring partner of Arne Anderson . . . . Howard Pug Barron, St. Paul welterweight, is with the Seabees in the South Pacific . . . . Bill Hawkins, Iowa boxing manager and THE RING representative for Iowa, North and South Dakota, is one of the best posted and ringwise veterans in the game. Bill has seen fighters come and go for years and rates Mike Gibbons as one of the best all-around fighters this part of the country ever produced . . . . Charley Foley, Kansas City fight manager, is still in the Army in California, but has a few fighters whom he manages and would like to show them in this part of the country.

Don't forget to send in your news for THE RING to the writer before the first of the month. Also subscribe to THE RING for the boys in the service . . . . Earl Kane, Ascension Club, Minneapolis, boxing coach, is one of the best amateur coaches in the Northwest . . . . With Minneapolis and St. Paul staging professional shows regularly, boxers can keep busy here in the Twin Cities. Just drop the writer a line. I will be glad to hear from the boys who have class and who wish to get action . . . . Johnny Malone, lightweight of a few years back, is now a night club manager and is stationed at the Parker House Night Club in Mendota.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

BILL DUMER, who has been promoting popular priced shows at the Aragon Garden in Pittsburgh, Pa., each week, gave the Smoky City fight fans a treat when Robert Simmons, hard-hitting Indianapolis, Ind., welterweight, and Frankie Abrams, Pittsburgh welterweight, clashed in an eight-round bout. The fight was judged a draw—a good decision.

Hubert Hood, hard-hitting heavyweight, who has been coming to the front fast in his last few fights, added Colion Chaney of Indianapolis to his list of victims when he stopped Chaney in four heats at Chicago.

Hank Claypool, former Newark, O., welterweight, who has been in the big scrap with the Nips for the past two years, is back in the States recuperating at the Dayton Veterans' Hospital.

Bud Cotty, featherweight of Indianapolis, has been promoted to sergeant in Uncle Sam's Army.

Ike Childs, local welterweight, who has been in about every major engagement in the Pacific Islands, was back for a short furlough, but has now returned to action. If Ike hits the Japs like he hit some of the fighters he fought in the ring, he'll score many kayoes.

Mickey Goodwin, one-time leading featherweight in Ohio, is married . . . . Norman Russell, who took a shellacking at the hands of Sammy Payne, has quit the ring . . . . The Alabama Kid, who was sent to Australia in 1938 by Yours Truly, lost via the K.O. route in his last fight in Australia to Jack Johnson. This is one of the few fights lost by the Columbus middleweight, who has been fighting heavyweights for the past three or four years.

Jackie Feltheim, a favorite around this part of the country before going to the Army, is back with an honorable discharge and is now working in a war plant . . . . Sammy Payne, promising West Virginia welterweight, lost a close one to Al Williams at Cincinnati . . . . Sammy Mack is rounding into fighting trim . . . . Billy Russell has won four straight in Pittsburgh, Pa. He kayoed Ernie Hicks, Pittsburgh, in eight; beat Young Pelaia, eight; won over Art (Honey) Robinson, and kayoed Rene Cantero of Cuba.

Sgt. Jerry Kiger, a pleasing welterweight from Homestead, Pa., is in a hospital in England suffering from a shell wound in his arm and six in his leg. He was hit in the drive on Coblenz. Jerry fears his boxing days are over, but we hope not.

Bobby Maloney of Pittsburgh has signed to fight for Harry Pittler's stable . . . . Gene Simmons, a brother of Robert, is now fighting for Chris Dundee. Gene is a light-heavyweight and lives in Indiana.

Jack Trammel, who was one of the most mismanaged fighters ever to pull on a glove, is now back in training and has signed with Joe Basco. Trammel, a heavyweight who had a lot of victories to his credit, should give the heavyweights of today plenty of trouble. He is 28 years old.

Sam Saprano of Mansfield, O., is the latest fight promoter to toss his hat in the ring.

Young Terry, once a good welterweight fighter, is back from the big fight for a furlough. Terry is a T-bone corporal—corporal technician to you.

The Rooney-McGinley combine of Pittsburgh came to bat with a slambang fight card, when Gig and Art featured Ruben Shank, Denver, Colo., and Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh Bulldog, in a ten-rounder, with Shank the winner.

Billy Russell, the Buckeye Buzz Bomb, was given the unanimous decision over Ruby Garcia of Portugal, but booking out of New York, in eight rounds.

In another eight-rounder, Benny McCombs of Detroit, Mich., carried too many guns for Gene Simmons and stopped him in the fourth round. Simmons is now under the management of Chris Dundee.

The Hannison-Heath combination, promoters in Akron, O., gave the fans a good show when they staged five good bouts at the Armory on May 17. The fight featured Charley Roth, roly-poly heavyweight from Detroit, and Don Morrow, Cleveland heavyweight, with Roth the victor.

Tom Woodyard, Columbus, O., heavyweight, gained the duke in eight over Ira Hughes, Akron, O., heavyweight. Ira had won over Woodyard a few weeks ago in eight.

Pete Bolos, a slambang fighter from Detroit, got a win via the T.K.O. route when the referee stopped the fight in the fifth against Ozzie Peguese of Youngstown, O. Bolos was winning, no doubt, but Peguese could have stayed the limit and the bout should not have been halted.

Chief Red Cloud will never forget May 17, because that was the night he was given a draw with Ray Nulph, a good little lightweight from Ellwood City. Nulph won by a city block with plenty to spare, but didn't get the verdict.

Guy Lucas, carrying about 12 pounds weight advantage, had little trouble in stopping Bob Mason, Youngstown, O., in the second.

Danny Huff, who was a pretty good lightweight, has tossed his hat in the ring as a promoter at Dayton, O.

Bill Edy, Flint, Mich., southpaw lightweight, looked very good in stopping Billy Miller in the fifth round. On the same card, Ray Nulph of New Bethlehem, weighing 140, had little trouble in winning over Buddy Samarco of East Liberty, Pa., weight 139. Samarco was down for nine in the second round and on the carpet again in the third round.

On May 18, Bruff Cleary, Fort Wayne, Ind., fight promoter, staged his third show of the season. Billy Russell vs. Babe Ruce was the feature and ended in a draw in eight rounds.

Archie Hindman, chairman of the Indiana Boxing Commission; Ralph Yates of Kokomo, Ind., and W. N. Ringer of Sullivan, Ind., also commissioners, witnessed the fight. Hindman and his associates all agreed that Russell should have had the duke, as he outclassed his man.

In the semi-final fight, a six-rounder, Gene Simmons, Indianapolis, lost to Ted Woodyard of Columbus, O.

In another six-round bout, between A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, and Tiger Wills of Columbus, O., lightweights, the result was a draw. It was packed with action.

In two four-round bouts, Woodrow Pearson beat Ben Hoddinot and Ray Glen was given a T.K.O. win over Tom Lefevre of Indianapolis in the third round.

Phil Schwartz is back in the gymnasium training for a comeback.

Columbus is to have pro boxing again this summer . . . . Danny Green, a nice looking chap just out of the amateurs, is training and expects to make his first pro start soon . . . . Al Williams and Billy Good, both Cincinnati scrappers who won their first starts, are promising boys . . . . Williams beat Sammy Payne and Good won over Harry Petty of Columbus.

Ted Woodyard has a good winning streak . . . . He won over Bishop Murphy, Chicago; over Mel Wilkerson, Cincinnati, O.; over Gene Simmons, Indianapolis, and over Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . . The above are all light-heavyweights . . . . Louie Luzader, a topflight lightweight a few years back, is now refereeing fights . . . . Jim Rhodes, the Mayor of Columbus, is the No. 1 fan of this city . . . . Jim is on hand at every fight.

Information will be gladly given by the writer provided there is a stamped envelope included. Less Huffman, Route 1, Pickerington, O.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

COLION CHANEY, young Negro heavyweight of Indianapolis, swapped punches in three out-of-town bouts during the month. At Dayton, O., he won by a T.K.O. over Julio Diaz, Spanish heavyweight, after seven rounds. Diaz was unable to continue after the hard-punching Chaney broke his opponent's jaw in two places. The local heavy lost to Henry Jones in a split decision at Boston. At Grand Rapids, Mich., he dropped a close one to Howard Fenske in ten rounds. On both occasions Chaney was given the nod by newspapermen.

In a slow ten-round attraction at the armory here, Gene Simmons, Indianapolis middleweight, was eager to make a good showing in his first main event before local fans against Cpl. Buddy Rose of Ft. Thomas, Ky., but was handicapped because Rose did little fighting. Simmons won the decision. The soldier-boxer was content with being on the defensive and clinched throughout the bout.

The best bout of the evening was between Arnold Deer, local middleweight, and Bennie Droll, Peoria, Ill., clown. Droll, an ex-Ranger, who has seen service in Normandy, had Deer on the deck in the fourth round and went on to win the decision.

Raymond Glenn, Indianapolis lightweight, won a one-sided affair from Walter Hughes, also local, in six rounds.

Whitey Jensen, Dayton heavyweight, outpointed Pedro Carsonia, local, in four rounds, and Pfc. Ernie Derho, Billings Hospital, won by a T.K.O. over Willie Taylor, Indianapolis, in the fourth round of a four-round opener.

Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis welterweight, split even in two out-of-town ring encounters during the month. At Pittsburgh, he pounded out an eight-round victory over Art (Honey) Robinson, then journeyed to San Antonio, Tex., to drop a close decision to Kid Filipino of Mexico City in a ten-round main event. Reynolds came to Indianapolis from Huntington, W. Va., with an impressive amateur record and is employed in a war plant locally. He served a hitch in the Army, where he won 18 bouts, 13 by K.O., at Camp Shelby. Since his discharge he has won 14 pro bouts.

Danny Williams, Albany, N. Y., welterweight, rallied in the late rounds to eke out a close decision over stiff-punching Gene Gudgill, Dayton, O., in a ten-round battle at the local armory. Williams missed badly before the weaving defense of the Ohioan and was handicapped during most of the bout by having a nearly closed right eye. Weights: Williams, 147; Gudgill, 148.

Sparky Reynolds, hustling local welterweight, easily won over bouncing Tiger Kiggans, also local, in the six-round semi-windup.

Cpl. Dick Cook, Camp Atterbury lightweight, hammered out a five-round decision over Robert Beamon, Indianapolis.

Ray Glenn, local lightweight, knocked out Vic Byrd, Dayton, in 50 seconds of the third round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Heavyweights Whitey Jensen, Dayton, and Charlie Reed, Indianapolis, fought to a draw in the opening four-rounder.

M/Sgt. Frank S. Leavitt, better known in civilian life as Man Mountain Dean, popular heavyweight grappler, has been assigned to duty at Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury. Leavitt is a veteran of World Wars I and II.

Profile: This month we salute Lloyd Carter, local boxing and wrestling promoter of the Hercules A. C. Carter, born in Kansas City, came to Indianapolis 13 years ago after being matchmaker for the Queensboro A. C. in Toronto and the Boston Garden in the Beantown. He gained national prominence years ago—first as a middleweight leather-tosser, then as a heavyweight grappler.

Each winter for the past five years he has staged successful combination boxing-wrestling shows for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation (local chapter), in which he has donated all profits to the worthy fund. Carter stages weekly wrestling shows and boxing twice monthly in Indianapolis. For more than a year recently he was successful in promoting boxing cards every week but a shortage of good boxing talent curtailed this program.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

By GEORGE ROSS

SAINT PAUL, Lige Drew, Redcap Cooper, Dube Bruce, Ralph McNeal and Mike Delnero are only a few of the active fighters now training at the Paramount Gym.

Nick Stato, Walter McCormick's former fighter, has been winning consistently in Hartford, Conn. Bill Gore has another Willie Pep in Stato, only Stato is a lightweight.

Unknown Winston, now in Hartford, Conn., started a comeback campaign with a K.O. over Sam Shumway, but he has not fought since.

Joe Dow's fighter, Buddy Hayes, whom the writer mentioned a year or so back as a prospect, is packing them in weekly at Worcester, Mass. This Buddy Hayes is doing well. He's a fine club fighter.

Joe Montiero, who went on his own in New York and had his license suspended, is still waiting for it to be lifted. What a lesson that is!

Sport fans, send your RING Magazines to some of the boys in service. They will be glad to receive them, as this magazine is a real morale builder. Also get one of Nat Fleischer's RING Record Books and be up on the boxing news.

The Valley Arena has closed its doors for the season, but will reopen early in the fall with the same high-class shows, under the capable promotion of Oreal Rainault and Matchmaker Joe DeMaria. There has been talk of a summer club in Holyoke, but it was nothing but rumors.

Springfield Sports, Inc., is under way with top-grade bouts, under the promotion of the Broden brothers, Al and George, with Al Caroly and George Sheppard doing the matchmaking. This is a good outdoor arena with a large seating capacity, and fighters are assured of a good night's pay.

Webster, Mass., has closed down due to small houses. The town is not too large and the expense of the state officials and other matters are too great for these small-town clubs to carry on.

North Adams, Mass., expects to get going shortly, but the Arena needs repairs and the lumber situation in the vicinity is critical.

The Paramount Gym is still turning out fighters, but the gym is always in the *red*, as there is no proper management.

NEW CHAMPIONS CROWNED BY THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE

By PFC. MARK FANNON

FIGHTING with the same effectiveness which has characterized the bombing of the Axis throughout the war, the glove throwers of the Eighth Army Air Force battled it out for supremacy before a jammed house at St. Andrew's Hall in Norwich, England. With five generals in attendance—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Maj. Gen. W. E. Kepner, 2nd Division; Brig. Gen. Francis H. Griswold, 3rd Division; Brig. Gen. Walter R. Peck and Brig. Gen. John S. Allard, Eighth Air Force Chief of Staff—each battler fought to the end with all the power he could muster.

Similar to the Eighth Air Force's bombing of enemy strongholds, the lads sighted their targets early, wading through heavy "flak" to land their left and right bombs, gaining their objective with very little confusion. They established a "beachhead" which would be intact for at least a year. Only on a few occasions did the judges in the "foxholes" disagree as to the victors.

Cpl. Jesse Puente and Pfc. Joe Lucignano were the only defending champs to come through again this year, with Lucignano being by far the most impressive. The Eighth Air Force champions were:

Bantamweight—Sgt. Primitivo Molina, Concord, Calif.

Featherweight—Pvt. Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Calif.

Lightweight—Cpl. Jesse Puente, Merced, Calif.

Junior Welterweight—Pfc. Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N. J.

Welterweight—Cpl. Al Reado, Seattle, Wash.

Middleweight—Cpl. Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore.

Light-heavyweight—S/Sgt. Pat Cavuto, Rochester, N. Y.

Heavyweight—S/Sgt. Allan George, Homedale, Idaho.

Cpl. Bobby Volk, the lad who can destroy them like the Liberators on his base, certainly looked good as he battered game Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, Brooklyn, N. Y., before Sgt. Siggie Lander, the referee, wisely stopped the fight.

Tommy just couldn't get started as Volk kept on top of him, boxing nicely and throwing his punches with deadly speed and accuracy. Tommy was hurt when he was dropped the first time in the second for nine, but came back fighting hard. A terrific right found its mark in the third, spilling Carbonero, who tried gamely to arise but sagged at the count of five. At this point Siggie stopped the match.

Pvt. Vince Padilla, popular hard-fighting southpaw, copped his first title by taking a close decision over last year's champ, Pfc. Jerry Pecararo of Manhattan, N. Y.

Veteran Jerry is not getting any better and for this match he didn't fight as before. Padilla has shown better, too, but no doubt was a little leery of the lad who had been the only one to beat him over here. In beating Pecararo, Vince made it 17 straight.

There isn't much to choose between them as to ability. Jerry is the smarter, but Vince is stronger and it was Padilla's determination to keep punching which told the story.

Cpl. Al Reado, the only Negro lad in the tournament, made himself a worthy champ by whipping Pfc. Charlie Bryan, Indianapolis, Ind., last year's title holder, in the most thrilling fight of the night.

Bryan, who last year was not up to some of the others in fistic ability, has greatly improved. He was in excellent condition, has learned a lot, and was determined to hold on to his title. But Reado is a tough nut for anyone to beat for one of Bryan's experience.

In the first frame, Charlie did well, holding the shorter Reado at bay. He was willing to trade at all times. From the second on, Reado began to get closer and the two punched it out viciously. The crowd went wild as these two slugged away until the bell. Bryan was tired and shaken but he had defended his crown like a champ should.

Cpl. Jesse Puente came near being an also ran when he tangled with Pfc. Clement Marrone of Cleveland. Marrone was not considered in the running but after the first heat, in which he outboxed Puente, the complexion of the battle changed. Again in the second, Marrone was fighting good but Jesse began to get in a few hard ones, but not enough. It took the third, however, for Jesse to earn his title. In this round, he dropped Marrone twice to clinch the win and become champ for the second time.

Boxing beautifully and showing the confidence of a champ, Pfc. Joe Lucignano won over Lt. Chuck Davey, southpaw of Detroit, in three one-sided rounds. Davey, Intercollegiate feather champ in 1943, was clever and fast but a light hitter. Joe was boxing smartly and seemed sure of himself.

S/Sgt. Allan George, 178, gamely piled into giant Pvt. Steve Kruchko, 220, Ortonville, Mich., to get the judges' nod in three rounds.

Kruchko started strong and piled up a good lead but still was far behind the pre-fight build-up. In the second and third, George took everything Kruchko handed out and countered with some well-placed rights. Kruchko wore better and was stronger throughout, and seemed to many observers to have earned the nod.

S/Sgt. Pat Cavuto, a dark horse, outmauled S/Sgt. Harry Gregorian of Detroit to take the light-heavyweight laurels.

Gregorian started strong, hit Cavuto some solid blows to head and body which seemed to hurt him, but Pat came through stronger in the third, hitting more while Harry held on.

Sgt. Primitivo Molina won his title by default when it was found that Sgt. Louis Panarese of Boston couldn't make the weight.

After the show, a banquet was held for the fighters with three of the generals as guests. Sports-minded Gen. Doolittle spoke briefly about the sportsmanship of the boxers and of the fine spirit of the boys. As each approached for his prize, the General had a word of greeting for him. The team prize went to the Second Air Division and it was accepted by Maj. William Cassidy.

These cups were the result of a fight put up by Sgt. Joe Molinari, the man behind the scene, who wanted to give the lads something they could be proud of. Every champ and runner-up got one of these beautiful trophies, which are something worth fighting for. A medal was given to the third place winners.

Three non-title bouts were also held, with winners getting third place medals. In one, T/Sgt. Sylvester Heinberg, 185, Los Angeles, came from behind to get the nod over Sgt. George Nippert, Colorado Springs, Colo. Nippert jabbed well in the first but Heinberg got stronger, dropped Nippert for a no-count in the second and shaded him in the third.

Pvt. Bobby Quinn, 135, Cleveland, beat Cpl. Sal Guajardo, Detroit, in a hard-fought three-rounder. Sal went in the ring with a bad hand, hoping to add points for his division. It was a game stand to begin with even before putting up such a game fight.

Sgt. Dragon Javicich, Buffalo welter, was given the decision over Sgt. Al Deakin of Providence, R. I., after suffering a cut eye in the first. A decision had to be given, so the rule was made. Javicich was a shade ahead at the time his eye was cut.

The semi-finals to the championships, held at an Eighth Air Force base, turned out to be a better show than the finals. Over 5,000 fans attended. Several upsets took place and one lad was possibly denied a title by a rule made up by an officer before the fights. This officer insisted that the judges take away four points for a knockdown. As a man usually loses the round by no more than two points, this was costly. So when Sgt. Jimmy Wade, fast improving Birmingham, Mich., light-heavy, was spilled by Pat Cavuto, this new rule cost him a possible victory, because even though he came back strong and seemed to have earned the nod, he lacked too many points to win the bout.

The biggest upset occurred when Vince Padilla kayoed Pfc. "Howie" Moreno, little Santa Barbara gamecock and last year's Eighth Air Force bantamweight champ. Moreno tore into Padilla, but was met with a short hard left which sent him to the canvas. His head hit the ring floor and he was done. This is the first time the gamester had failed to finish a match.

Bobby Volk took care of the First Air Division's best bet when he stopped Pvt. Harold Conley, Everett, Wash., in the third. Conley carries dynamite himself but wasn't able to use it against the fast-moving Volk. Bobby was just too good.

Al Reado got to the finals by punching game Sgt. George Yentzen around for three frames.

Sgt. Primitivo Molina beat S/Sgt. Sam Stinson, Peoria, Ill., in three; Pvt. Clement Marrone decisioned Sal Guajardo; Jesse Puente won over former sparmate of the Conn tour, Bobby Quinn; Lt. Chuck Davey beat Sgt. Al Deakin; Joe Lucignano stopped Cpl. Al Lindsay, San Antonio, in two; Cpl. Tommy Carbonero won over Sgt. Bud Van Slyke, Syracuse, N. Y.; Pvt. Steve Kruchko decisioned George Nippert; and Allan George edged past Sylvester Heinberg to round out the card.

WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

A RECENT Army ruling forbidding the participation of soldiers of the Central Pacific Base Command in professional competition, will mean a great setback on local professional sports, especially boxing and wrestling. This new ruling provides that no soldier can perform in any form of sports to which admission is charged and is similar to the Navy ruling which has been in effect for some time. However, soldiers of the Air Command are not included in this category.

Topnotch grapplers affected by this regulation are Axel Madsen, the Central Pacific Area service champion; Babe Smolenski, Little Ali Baba, Nick Nichols, Mike McTeague and Frank Merrill. Promoter Al Karasick naturally is not happy about all this, but he says that he has plenty of top talent here now and will continue to give high standard performances.

Harry (The Greek) Dellis has returned to Hawaiian mat wars after an absence of nearly six months. Unpopular Harry has been on the mainland all this time, and according to reports he has had main event billing in four of his six appearances in Hollywood. Harry is a greatly improved wrestler and in his first bout here since his return he had no trouble disposing of Mike Casey, who is always a tough customer. Anyway, he is ready to take on everybody, especially the three roughhousers, Joe Mitchell, Sammy Cohen and Bucky O'Neill. Harry has always claimed that he is rougher than all the other roughhousers put together and it will be interesting to see what happens when he meets the other claimants to the title.

The wrestler fast becoming the most popular grappler in the Islands is Prince Vilai Su'a, the huge Samoan, who has won five straight matches. Vilai has improved tremendously with every match and already his backers are confident that he can hold his own with the best of them, and they are making this known to the promoter in no uncertain terms. In his latest bout, Vilai won over tough Joe Mitchell and Joe is a veteran who is ranked right up there. Mitchell himself admitted after his defeat that the Samoan is one smooth customer and just about the strongest wrestler he has met anywhere. At the rate Su'a is going, in another six months he will have even Charley Carr worried if that is not already the case.

Jimmy Gonsalves has arrived. The youthful former footballer is now definitely in the upper brackets and he gets semi-final and main event billings regularly with the Carrs, Hayes and O'Neills. Jimmy is tremendously popular with the fans because of his fast, clean style of wrestling inside the ropes and outside the ropes everybody knows him as a real gentleman. He is employed as a defense worker. He has definite plans of touring the United States after the war.

Charley Carr is still the Hawaiian champion and the holder of THE RING Belt. In his most recent matches, he has taken care of Ben Pilar and Chester Hayes in non-title bouts and he says he is willing to risk his title any time to any logical contender. The logical contender would have been Axel Madsen but now that he is ruled out, the next logical man would be Kaimon Kudo or even Bucky O'Neill.

Former Hawaiian Champion Ernie Powers, who is now on the East Coast, has been promoted to a lieutenant recently, according to reports. His many friends here are very pleased.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

WILL MAYLON, top Northwest promoter, is giving the patrons in this Puget Sound city the best talent available. There are no outstanding names appearing on the Maylon shows, but one thing is certain, the fans do get their money's worth. The present top attraction here appears to be Booker T. Ellis, Negro 147-pounder, formerly of Minneapolis, now in the United States Navy.

Davey Ward and Petie Donahue, two Tacoma boxers, were home recently from their respective locations for family visits. These two boys are gentlemen of the highest type and their friends are many.

The two youngsters, Buster Arnestad, 16-year-old 130-pounder, and Dave Davee, 16-year-old 190-pounder, still continue to hold the spotlight as prospective Tacoma stars.

A number of fighters now in the armed forces have paid visits to this writer's gym. All have departed singing the praises of the establishment. Several remarked, "The biggest little gym in the world."

Ch. Whitey Domstad, United States Navy, continues to give forth with his good work as third man in the ring on Maylon's shows. The writer has heard much praise anent Domstad's ability to settle differences between parties.

Northwest fighters with no managerial tie-ups, seeking ring work in our vicinity, would be given every consideration by dropping a line to Amundsen's Gym, 719½ Commerce St. Give ring records, etc.

Members of the new state athletic commission, which controls boxing and wrestling, are: Chairman, Les Francis, Spokane; Don McPhee, Seattle business man, commissioner, and executive secretary, Elliott Metcalf, Tacoma *Times* Sports Editor. Emmet Angle, an uncle of Freddie Steele, former middleweight champion, is Tacoma's boxing inspector.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By JACK KANE

HARTFORD AUDITORIUM—Charles "St. Paul" Nunnally was victor by a T.K.O. after four rounds in the main bout with Willis Scott of New York, who was the victim of an accidental butt from St. Paul's bobbing head. Scott weighed 159 and his opponent 162 and it will not be necessary to rematch them because no one cares which is the best of the two, and Scott is not the type to make a good fight with St. Paul. The remaining bouts were also fraught with the T.K.O. variety of wins and only two bouts went the distance, one pro and one semi-pro. Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, won a very decisive victory over Duke McCrey, 133, New York. It was Bobby's eighteenth win in twenty bouts and he looked like a well-oiled machine at work. He floored McCrey three times for counts of six, eight and nine before applying the finisher in 2:30 of the first round.

Nick Stato, 132½, Springfield, won his sixteenth bout without draw or defeat, when he outpointed Lou Massone, 133, St. Albans, N. Y., in the second six. Stato won easily, but Massone's clever defensive style and left jab, which was constantly in Stato's face after he survived a nine-count and a bothersome cut in round two, won him the crowd's sympathy. Stato won five out of the six rounds.

Three semi-pro bouts completed the card. Henry Polowitzer, 125, East Hartford, was a T.K.O. winner in round two over Jackie Carroll, 125, Springfield. Polowitzer had a badly cut eye at the finish. Carey Mace, 125, Hartford, battled to a three-round draw with Billy Hogan, 127, Manchester. Freddie Girard, 125, of Manchester, scored a cut eye T.K.O. in the first round over Augie Breton, 127, Hartford, in the final semi-pro bout. A crowd of 1036 paid in a gross gate of $1671.85.

New Haven Arena—Charley Brown put on his show at the Arena, but his original main bout headliners failed to show. Solomon Stewart was in Holyoke. Louis "Cocoa Kid" Hardwick, scheduled to box Stewart at New Haven, boxed another of his numerous bouts with Holman Williams, though he was too ill for the New Haven bout. The show went on, however. Tony Gillo, a local boy, was pleasantly surprised when, at 170 pounds, he boxed the best fight of his long career and stopped Eddie Silvia, 169, Providence, in the fifth round. Gillo was going none too well in the first two rounds, but in round three he stepped up the pace and dropped Silvia for nine with hard left hooks. He used the same punch to finish the bout in round five.

The semi-final, also a very good bout, found Benny May, 125, Montreal, winning in six from Earl Mintz, 126, New York. After being behind in the first two rounds May came on fast to win.

Frankie Ross, 148, Boston, won a decision in six rounds from Al Barbosa, 150, Providence. Ross was on the retreat continually, but jabbed as he backed up to pile up a winning point margin.

Bob McCall, 155, New London, slugged his way to a win in four hard rounds over Al Donofrio, 150, Waterbury. Jim Brosky, 151, New London, boxed to a four-round draw with Bobby Snow, 150, Waterbury. McCall and Brosky are sailors from the sub base at New London. The show was an artistic, but far from a financial, success. It attracted a small crowd. Receipts were $822.61.

Hartford Auditorium—Art Robinson, 150, Pittsburgh, beat Sammy Mammone in ten rounds. Mammone weighed 144. Mammone formerly competed as a featherweight and the only thing he has left as a fighter is courage. He is fat and far from being in condition. He evidently thinks that he is picking up some easy money against the wartime crop. A few beatings around the body such as he received from Art will tell a sad story for him in years to come. Robinson, young and strong as he is, did not look very impressive, however, against the eagy veteran and was taught a few defensive tricks during the ten rounds.

A second bout scheduled for six found both lads missing, so the matchmaker put in Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, with Benny Revere, 130, Worcester, and Bobby repeated a previous win, by stopping his man in 55 seconds of round two, with two terrific left hooks to the body.

Joe Rossi, 150, New York, won from Frankie Daniels, 145, Valley Stream, L. I., in the other six, by decision.

The semi-pro bouts were good and bad. The bad one was an obvious mismatch between Ray Laurie, 148, Hartford, and Joe Salem, 141, Worcester. Salem was green and the weight figures also look a little off color. Laurie carried Salem through two rounds and stopped him in round three.

Ray Cashman, 131, Middletown, also gave weight to his opponent, Eddie Skee, 134, Worcester, and more than the difference announced. He jabbed his way to an easy and decisive win, however, and looked very good in the effort. Fred Girard, 125, Manchester, decisioned Bill Holden, 126, Hartford, in three rounds and the pleasing youngster, Carey Mace, 126, Hartford, won by a knockout over Ray Luft, 125, Worcester, in the first round. A bad night at the box office was had by all and proves cancellations to be a better idea than last-minute substitutions.

New Haven Arena—Joey Angelo, 133, Philadelphia, won an easy ten-round decision over Walter "Cabey" Lewis, 129½, New York. Angelo, a fair workman, made a punching bag out of Lewis. Lewis was on the floor four times in the sixth, eighth, ninth and tenth rounds. He was never in the fight and did well to go the distance.

The eight-round semi-final ended in the sixth round by a disqualification of Tony Gillo, who brought his knee into the groin of his opponent, Eddie Rossi, of Boston. It was a fairly even bout up to this point and anybody's fight. Gillo weighed 171 and his opponent, 167.

The top six found Joey Wasnick, 130, New Haven, winning from Earl Mintz, 126, New York, in an earnest but unexciting bout. Red Ford, 140, Bridgeport, was a T.K.O. winner over Joe DeGangi, 140, Waterbury, in round three of a four, when DeGangi was helpless on his feet and unable to continue.

The opening four was won by Joe Festa, 194, New Haven, over Jimmy Thomas, 181, New York. The boys waged a wild slugging match and many of the fans did not like the decision of Referee Billy Conway. It was of little consequence because neither boy will ever seriously challenge Champion Joe Louis, but they did provide a good fight.

The two cards thus far in the Arena have been fairly good from the entertainment standpoint but it seems that the fans in this area will not go for any card without local standouts. I don't know whether Charley Brown can make the matches necessary because of some inside conniving against him. He has some matches close at hand, which will undoubtedly do the trick for him, if he can sign them, such as Bobby Polowitzer vs. Eddie Compo or Nick Stato vs. Eddie Compo.

I hope that Eddie Compo gets a better break than Johnny did during his career as a fighter. Eddie is a better prospect than his brother Johnny.

Hartford Auditorium—Charles (St. Paul) Nunnally, 160½, won a ten-round decision over George (Red) Doty, 149½, Hartford. St. Paul made full use of his pull in the weights, but Doty also fought one of his usual waiting fights most of the way. He was on the floor twice in the third round from looping right-hand punches. He hurt St. Paul in the fifth round with body punches and a hard left hook to the head, which had St. Paul on Queer Street. The remaining eight rounds were hard fought and St. Paul won most of them through his bulling tactics.

The semi-final bout of six rounds stole the show. The winner, Tommy Keene, 158, New London, was on the floor in helpless condition in the last round as a result of his third trip to the canvas in this session, but he was easily the winner of the first five rounds and also had his opponent, Joe Rossi, 150, Bronx, on the floor and nearly out in the first and second rounds.

The only other pro bout showed Jack LaSalle, 145, Puerto Rico, the victor in six rounds over Eddie Burns, 141, New York, in a good fight.

The semi-pro bouts, four in number, were full of action. Carey Mace, 128, Hartford, drew with his fellow townsman, Clarence Talbot, 130, in three rounds. Ray Lunquist, 162, Fall River, won on a T.K.O. in the second round over Ed Queener, 162, New London, who suffered a cut eye. Freddie Girard, 125, Hartford, boxed to a three-round draw with the rugged Bobby Davis, 126, Springfield. Bobby Hicks, 151½, Waterbury, decisioned Ray Laurie, 148, Hartford, for Laurie's first defeat in fifteen semi-pro starts. The gross gate was $3022.85.

New Haven Arena—Joey Angelo, 132½, Philadelphia, scored his twenty-sixth straight win and his third in New Haven when he knocked out Georgie Knox, 130, Newark, in the seventh. Angelo had a little too much on the ball for Knox and beat him all the way.

Tony Gillo, 171, New Haven, won a decision over Waddell Washington, 174, Worcester, in the eight-round semi-final, also a good bout. Washington, who has seen better days, tried all the way and weathered a nine-count knockdown to go the distance, though he was soundly beaten.

Tom Collins, 151, New Haven, won by a knockout in the third of a scheduled six-round bout over Ralph Keane, 150, Newark. Collins, a real veteran, is still capable of a good performance, when properly matched.

Red Ford, 140, Bridgeport, took a four-round decision from Lee Abrams, 142, Hartford. Abrams looks like a great fighting machine, but seems to be lacking in confidence and this was the cause of his undoing in this bout.

The opening four-rounder brought together the veteran Bobby Ellis, 140, New Britain, and Nate Hutchey, 146, New York. Ellis, who is all done and has retired several times only to attempt the old comeback routine, was soundly beaten and the boxing commission can do him a favor by enforcing his retirement as he is a nice kid and can only injure himself by further attempts in the boxing game. The crowd, a little better than at previous shows, still leaves much to be desired.

Hartford Auditorium—Henry Jordan, 143½, Philadelphia, was the winner over Art Robinson, 150, Pittsburgh, in the ten-round main bout. Jordan used his superior experience to even his Hartford series with Robinson at one bout apiece. He shook up Robinson with a series of hard left hooks through the first four rounds before he slowed up and allowed Robinson to win rounds five and six. Jordan then came back in the last four rounds to make it decisive. Both of the boys were well spent at the finish.

Nick Stato, 131½, Springfield, won a hard-fought decision from Earl Mintz, 127½, New York. Stato was nailed with several hard punches and appeared to be upset by Mintz's punching, but not enough to prevent his winning easily.

Phil Osario, 121, Puerto Rico, scored an upset victory over Ham Wiloby, 126, New York, in the other six. Wiloby, a highly rated boy, appeared a little short of condition due to a recent layoff and in Osario he met a boy whose motto was punch until you drop or drop your opponent. Wiloby hit Osario with some very hard counterblows only to have him come rolling in with twice as many himself.

Bobby Polowitzer, scheduled to box in another six, was off the card because his opponent did not come in. The amateur or semi-pro bouts, three in number, were good. Joe Clarke, 158, New Haven, drew with Johnny Ludlowe, 163, New Britain. Augie Brett, 125, Hartford, decisioned Henry Polowitzer, 122, East Hartford, in three rounds and Carey Mace, 127, Hartford, drew with Clarence Talbot, 130, Hartford, in three rounds. A crowd of 1309 people paid a gross gate of $2309.30 to witness the show.

Hartford Auditorium—The Eight Ball Club, a group of local sportsmen, staged its second annual benefit boxing show at the Auditorium, with the arena, its staff and all possible services being donated gratis. The tournament bouts were all featured by youngsters between the ages of eight and fifteen years and matched according to weight and age. The bouts were twenty-seven in number.

The outstanding performer was Johnny Kane, 105, Middletown, Conn., who was voted the best boxer by a committee composed of Bob Steele, WTIC sportscaster, Dan Jesse, Trinity College director of athletics, and Bill James, local sportsman and director of the Eight Ball Club. Johnny in his first and last appearance because he will be over the age limit next year, showed boxing and punching ability. He dethroned Billy Renaud, last year's champ, who was given second prize, and is also a very good prospect for future fistic greatness.

The other outstanding boys were Cecil Gaston, 60 pounds, Ronnie Perrott and Matthew Saferi, 50 pounds, and little Jimmy Cartwright, at 87.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

ERNIE RODERICK, 148½, won the British middleweight boxing championship by outpointing Vince Hawkins, 159, in a 15-rounder. The title recently was declared vacant.

The complete story will appear in our next issue, the September number.

Terry Allen, the brilliant young London flyweight, now serving with the Royal Navy, scored his 26th consecutive win when he all but knocked out Phil Milligan in the main event at the Alexandria Municipal Stadium, Egypt. It was only Milligan's gameness that saved him from taking the full count, although Allen punished him severely, and had him on the canvas for several long counts during the eight rounds.

Allen weighed 113½ pounds to the 126½ pounds of Milligan, and the critics are unanimous in their opinion that Allen is the best all-around fighter-boxer seen in that part of the world.

Gus Foran, 124, of the Royal Navy, defeated Billy Comerford, 127¼, of Glasgow, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round contest, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye, at the Liverpool Stadium.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead won over Moe Walker of Leicester in the sixth of a scheduled eight-round contest, when the latter retired.

Bob Roberts, R.A.F., defeated Danny Mack of Liverpool over eight fast rounds on points.

Alf Taylor of Warrington knocked out Johnny Kelly of Ireland in the seventh of a scheduled eight-round lightweight contest.

Jack Humphreys of Leeds won over Johnny Pleace in the fifth of a scheduled six-round curtain-raiser.

Arthur Danahar, British Army, scored a good win when he defeated Ronnie James, British lightweight champion, on points in a welterweight contest during the first tournament by the touring British Services boxing team in N.W. Europe, held at Ghent, Belgium.

The Army defeated a combined Royal Navy and R.A.F. team by 20 points to 19.

Gus Foran, 124½ pounds, Royal Navy, won on points in ten hard rounds over Kid Tanner, 127 pounds, of British Guiana and Army, at the Liverpool Stadium.

Cyril Maudsley of Preston defeated Jack Crossley, Army, on points over eight rounds.

Jackie McGouran of Ireland defeated Peter Fallon of Birkenhead over eight rounds.

Alec Bride of Birkenhead defeated Paddy Dunn of Liverpool over six rounds, while Al Gamage of Crewe defeated Johnny Cato of Blackpool over the same distance.

Joe Curran, 109¾ pounds, of the Fleet Air Arm and official contender for the world's flyweight championship, now held by Jackie Paterson, won over Mickie Jones, 117¾ pounds, of Navy, in good style over ten rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Chad Savery, British Honduras, won over Danny Mack of Liverpool when the latter retired in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

George Pull, R.A.F., scored a technical kayo over Joe Merryweather, Liverpool, in the third of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Ted Taylor of Manchester outpointed Norman James of Liverpool over six rounds, while Joe Bolton of Ellesmere Port won over Jackie Ryan of Liverpool when the latter retired in the third of a scheduled six-round contest.

Bert Jackson, 127 pounds, Northern Area featherweight champion, won a good points decision over Bob Bates, 131 pounds, of Sunderland, over ten hard rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Johnny Molloy of St. Helens won over Charlie Fox of St. Helens in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest when the latter sustained a badly cut eyebrow and was forced to retire.

Hughie Smith of Sunderland knocked out Tommy Gibbons of Belfast in the seventh of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Billy Swift of St. Helens knocked out Frank Skyrme of Barrow in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest, while Joe Mack of Birkenhead won on points over Billy Spoors in the six-round curtain-raiser.

The capacity crowd at the Queensberry All-Services Club, London, received a really big surprise when Bobby Ramsay, the young Stepney lightweight, scored a points victory over the Negro Canadian soldier, Danny Webb, thus inflicting on the Canadian his first professional defeat.

The Londoner always forced the fight and scored smartly, allowing Webb only to land occasionally, until during the last two rounds, when Webb made a determined effort to wrest supremacy from Ramsay, and it was toe-to-toe slugging, but even this failed to overawe Ramsay and the latter ran out a good winner on points.

In the chief supporting bout, Tommy Armour, welterweight champion of Ireland, stopped Jack Merino of Torquay in the seventh round when it was obvious that Merino stood no chance of winning.

Jackie McGouran of Ireland defeated Tommy Plowright of Nottingham on points over eight rounds, while Frank Boylan of Ireland was beaten on points by Bert Saunders of Kilburn over eight rounds. The bouts took place at the Queensberry Club, London.

Ken Barrett of Cardiff defeated Ernie Smith of Ireland on points over ten rounds at Wolverhampton.

Warren Kendall of Wales drew with Johnny Price of Manchester over ten rounds, while Bunty Doran of Ireland forced Norman Lewis of Wales to retire at the end of the sixth.

Jimmy Stubbs of Runcorn was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round contest against Tommy McGlinchey of Scotland for an alleged low blow.

Army boxers beat a combined Royal Navy and R.A.F. team by 21 points to 15 in their second Inter-Services boxing tournament at the Antwerp Sports Palace before more than 15,000 spectators.

There was a surprise when Jock Porter, R.A.F., was knocked out by Alf Brown, Army. Porter was sent down when Brown caught him with a left swing to the jaw.

Amateur Heavyweight Champion Mark Hart, R.A.F., won a very close bout against Sgt. Fowler, Army, on points.

Arthur Danahar, Army, forced Gwyn Williams, R.A.F., to retire at the end of the first round with a very badly cut eyebrow.

Danny Webb, Army, gained a points win over Ben Duffy, Navy.

Gus Foran, 122¾ pounds, Liverpool and Royal Navy, won well on points over Cliff Morris, 124 pounds, of Pontypridd, over ten fast rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

In the chief supporting bout, Mickey Colbert of Ireland won on points over Len Jones of Wales over eight rounds.

Jacky McGouran of Ireland was disqualified in the third with Billy Batt of Bargoed for an alleged low blow.

Joe Brierly of Liverpool won on points over Johnny Cato of Blackpool after six hard-hitting rounds.

Bruce Woodcock of Doncaster, one of the finest heavyweights ever produced in these Isles, had an easy journey when he stopped Cal Rooney of Canada in the third at the Queensberry Club, London.

It was obviously a question of how quickly Woodcock would win, and in the third session he floored Rooney for nine, and he was very groggy when he arose, and when floored again, and in a bad way, the referee applied the closure.

Former British lightweight champion Dave Crowley defeated Johnny Price of Manchester over eight rounds, running up a good points lead after having floored his man for eight in the second stanza.

Arthur Danahar, Army, punched too hard for Cyril Wills of Shrewsbury, and after cutting Wills' eyebrow in the fourth, the referee applied the closure during the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest. Harry Lazar of Aldgate and Harry Davis of Bethnal Green met again over eight rounds, the decision this time being a draw.

Gus Foran of Liverpool defeated George Albrow, Brighton, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Jim Coates of Belfast outpointed Douglas Harnett of Wales over six rounds, while Jackie McGouran of Ireland defeated Chris Waitson of London in the fifth.

Gus Foran of Liverpool and Royal Navy, caused the referee to stop his contest with George Thomas of Wales in the seventh of a scheduled eight-round contest at the Walsall Town Hall, when the latter had been floored for several long counts, and was in no fit state to continue.

Roy Ball of Pontypool outpointed Teddy Gallagher of Blackpool over eight rounds. Gallagher, floored twice for long counts, was a game loser.

Granville Davies, West Bromwich, defeated Jim Tipper of Burton-on-Trent on points after a fast eight-round middleweight bout, with Davies doing all the forcing.

Gilbert Phillips of Wales knocked out Bert Donaldson of Birmingham in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Donaldson, who had taken the lead, seemed to get a little careless during the fifth stanza, and it was then that he was caught.

Manuel Abrew of Edinburgh and Ernie Woodman of Battersea met over eight dreary rounds at Watford Town Hall, with both lads doing more holding than fighting. The verdict eventually went to Abrew.

Lucien Cortois, French Navy, won a narrow points decision over Sgt. Jack Beech, Army, over eight rounds.

Maldwyn Baker of Wales and Ted Peckham of Bournemouth fought a very closely contested eight-round bout to a draw.

Ron Baker of Wales defeated Jack Taylor of Bournemouth on points after eight rounds.

Danny Nagle of Ireland defeated Ted Llewellyn of Wales after a spirited eight-rounder.

Reports from the Egyptian Press on the brilliant boxing of the Royal Navy flyweight, Seaman Terry Allen, when he met Lt. Mustapha Ezzatt, the Egyptian Army champion, revealed that Allen is fast becoming the most popular boxer in Egypt and the Middle East, and that his latest contest with Ezzatt was the highlight of the splendid program at the Cairo Stadium.

Allen, sporting Ezzatt eight pounds, weighed 113½ pounds and boxed with superb skill.

The Londoner was too fast and accurate for Ezzatt, who, although fast and strong, could not seem to land a blow on Allen.

The latter's performance was the best seen in Cairo for many years, and compared with other flyweights and bantamweights in these parts. "He seems to be in a class of his own."

There was an unhappy and untimely ending to the contest between Lefty "Satan" Flynn of Jamaica and Johnny Clements of Scotland, who met over a scheduled ten-round course at the Queensberry All-Services Club, London.

Flynn, who already holds a points victory over Clements, and a four-round T.K.O. win, spent the opening rounds in feeling his man out, and produced none of the fireworks associated with him, in past appearances.

Clements, on the other hand, always a cautious boxer, was quite content to keep the bout at long range, so that for four rounds, there was very little appeal in the contest at all, and when the audience made it obvious that they wished a little more action, the referee, Mr. Tommy Little, stopped the bout, speaking to both contestants, and asked them to "pep it up a little."

This was duly supplied with a spasm of short lefts and rights during the fifth round, but it left the referee quite unimpressed and he stepped in again during this round, applying the closure, calling the affair "no contest."

As a result of a hearing by the British Board of Boxing Control, Flynn forfeited to the Boxers' Benevolent Fund, $500 and Clements received his purse in full.

In the chief supporting contest, Tommy Davies, Welsh Middleweight Champion, scored a good win over Paratrooper George Howard of Finsbury Park, when after cutting the latter's left eyebrow rather badly in the first round, this injured member bled so profusely that the referee decided to end the bout in the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounds contest, leaving Davies the winner.

Jack Carrick, Northern Area Lightweight Champion, scored a good points win over Welterweight Dick Shields of Liverpool over eight hard rounds.

Alf Brown, former ABA Heavyweight Champion, scored a victory over Manuel Abrew of Scotland when the latter was disqualified for holding in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Lieut. Joe Gagnon (Canadian Army) caused the referee to halt his contest with Ron Kingston of Sittingbourne in the sixth of a scheduled eight-rounder, when Kingston's left eyebrow was badly cut.

Sean Clancy of Eire, coming in as a last-minute substitute, fought well to draw with Paddy Lyons of Dewsbury.

Al Phillips of Aldgate gave a good display when he defeated Jackie Grimes of Royal Navy in the fourth of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Seymour Hall, London. Grimes was soon floored for five with a right to the jaw, and Phillips followed this advantage with hard rights to the jaw that had the sailor rocking.

Phillips was always in the lead and in the fourth he tore loose, flooring the plucky Navy man for nine, seven, and two, and it was no surprise when the referee intervened to save Grimes further punishment.

Harry Lazar of Aldgate came back well after being floored for five in the fifth and almost knocked out in the seventh round to outpoint Harry Davis of Bethnal Green by his cleverer boxing ability.

Henry Hall of Sheffield stopped Mick McCann of Ireland in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Billy Gunn of Scotland caused Jimmy Mack of Camden Town to retire in the third of a scheduled six-round contest when Len Bennet of Army defeated Gene Fowler of the Canadian Army when the latter was disqualified for not trying in the fourth of a six-rounder. Later the B.B.B.C. withheld Fowler's purse for the Boxers' B. Fund.

Ronnie Clayton, 126 lbs., of Blackpool and the Fleet Air Arm, stopped Frank Benson, 130¾ lbs., of Belfast in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round featherweight contest when the latter retired. The contest was at the Liverpool Stadium.

Teddy Gallagher, 106 lbs., of Blackpool won on points over Joe Josephs, 114 lbs., of Bargoed over eight fast rounds.

Dennis Chadwick of Bridlington won on points over Cyril Maudsley of Preston over eight hard rounds.

Jack Humphreys of Leeds outpointed Lionel Creber of Loughborough over six rounds while Steve Gaskell of Tyldesley knocked out George Green of Warrington in the first of a scheduled six-round contest.

Vince Hawkins, 22-year-old undefeated middleweight in seventy-one fights, retained his unbeaten certificate when outpointing Glen Moody, the Pontypridd veteran, over ten rounds at the Royal Albert Hall, London, but at the end it was to Moody (who came in as a last minute substitute

for Bert Hyland, RAF) that the plaudits of the crowd went.

Moody, with years of experience behind him, put up a grand show against his more aggressive opponent and there was a surprise when in the seventh round Moody caught Hawkins flush on the chin with a right hook and Hawkins went down for the first time in his career.

Moody was definitely the better boxer and Hawkins should profit by this contest for it revealed that he still has several things to learn.

It was his constant aggressiveness that won him Referee Jack Hart's award, for he forced the contest throughout, but his win can only have been by a small margin.

Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell caused a big surprise and won his best victory yet in his come-back campaign when he outpointed Al Phillips of Aldgate over eight hard rounds.

Crowley, the better craftsman, needed all his experience, but once having secured a lead he maintained it throughout to receive the referee's nod at the end.

Bobby Ramsey of Stepney gave Danny Webb of Canada quite a hard road to travel in their eight round contest which ended with Webb receiving a clear points victory.

Jock Porter of Scotland made a good impression when he knocked out Al Delaney of Canada in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Porter caught Delaney with a right to the jaw which floored him and although the Canadian claims to have risen at nine the referee considered that he had not beaten the count.

Jimmy Hockley of Covent Garden outpointed Eddie Lust of Canada over six fierce rounds.

Jimmy Stubbs, 128 lbs., of Runcorn won over Billy Inness, 126½ lbs., of Glasgow, when the latter retired in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round featherweight contest at the Liverpool Stadium.

Billy Barton (R.A.F.) won over Joe Crawford of Bootle in the sixth of a scheduled eight-round contest when the latter retired with a badly cut eye.

Billy Biddles of Birmingham won over Dennis Chadwick on points after eight rounds.

Johnny Rawlings of Bidworth won on points over Jock Bonas of Rotherham in eight rounds.

Alf Taylor of Warrington won over Jackie Ryder (R.A.F.) in the first of a scheduled six-round contest when the latter retired.

It is with intense regret that I must write of the passing of a good friend and well-known figure of the British Boxing Game, Lou "Buster" Cohen, Master of Ceremonies at the Devonshire Club, Royal Albert Hall, Holborn Stadium, Premierland, etc. Ever a worker for charity, it is known that during his lifetime Lou had raised nearly £300,000 for worthy charity causes.

He had served with distinction in the A.R.P. Services during the Blitz upon London, and his untimely death, as the result of a stroke, is a sad loss to his many friends and the boxing game.

"May his soul rest in peace."

Ernie Roderick, British Welterweight Champion, gave a good display to defeat Johnny Clements of Scotland over eight rounds at Manor Place Baths, Walworth.

Roderick boxed in championship form, flooring Clements for nine and another short count during the second round, but when Roderick's left eyebrow was cut rather badly he was forced upon the defensive for the remainder of the contest, although he still ran up enough points to assure himself of victory.

Canadian Military Headquarters in London have informed the British Boxing Board of Control that Danny Webb, the Negro Montreal featherweight boxer, who has caused such a sensation with his all-action boxing, must not in the future appear in professional contests until the matter has been discussed by them.

Mr. Charles Donmall, secretary of the B.B.B.C., said: "The Canadian authorities issued their prohibition of Webb boxing in professional contests before the last tournament at the Albert Hall on April sixteenth. Application was made by the Board of Control that the contest be allowed to proceed in order that Webb fulfill his contract and the charity would not suffer.

"This decision was made owing to the short time available to the promoter to obtain a suitable substitute.

"The Board of Control are now awaiting the final decision of Canadian Headquarters as to the future professional engagements of Webb in this country."

Paratrooper Gwyn Williams, Welsh Welterweight Champion, outpointed Marine Jimmy Brunt, over eight rounds at the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington.

Brunt was a last minute substitute for Dick Shields of Liverpool who was unable to appear and it was to his credit that although beaten he put up a game show and went about his task with a workmanlike style which did much to narrow the Paratrooper's ultimate win.

Jimmy Vaughan, 148½, of Becontree, making a welcome re-appearance in the ring after a four year absence owing to war service, had little opportunity to reveal whether his layoff had affected him, for in the second round of a scheduled eight-round contest, his opponent, Harry Lazar, 148 lbs., of Aldgate, swung a left to the body which was unmistakably low, and the referee, Mr. Jack Hart, had no alternative but to disqualify Lazar.

Vaughn, a few years ago, was chief contender for the Lightweight Championship then held by Eric Boon and returning now as a welterweight he should do much to liven up the division.

Cliff Morris of Wales kayoed Albert Ives of Lambeth in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Jack Hughes of Wales kayoed Jimmy Bowden of Canada in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest, while Claude Dennington of Peckham outpointed Bobby Ramsey of Stepney over eight rounds after a hectic bout.

Tommy McGlinchey of Glasgow outpointed Al Phillips of Aldgate over eight fast rounds at Nottingham.

The Scottish lad did most of the attacking and at times had Phillips covering up under a desperate attack.

The last couple of rounds were fought at a terrific pace but there was no doubt at all about the outcome and McGlinchey received a popular decision.

Norman Lewis of Wales defeated Hughie Cameron of Glasgow in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest when a cut over the Scot's eyebrow, received in the first round, bled so profusely that the referee had no option but to halt the contest.

Harry Lazar of Aldgate outpointed Billy Walker of Newcastle in eight rounds.

Johnny Pitts of Blackpool outpointed George Dilks of Barnsley over eight fast rounds at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood.

In the chief supporting contest Cyril Maudsley of Preston and Cpl. George Pull (R.A.F.) fought eight hard rounds to a draw.

Bruce Woodcock, the Northern Area Cruiserweight Champion, making one of his rare appearances in London, had an easy journey when he met Cal Rooney of Canada over eight scheduled rounds at the Queensberry Club, London.

Rooney was completely outclassed when the referee halted the bout in the third round.

Rooney had been dropped for nine twice during this round and could not make a stand against Woodcock who was punishing him at will.

Arthur Danahar (Welsh Guards) defeated Cyril Wills of Birmingham in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest when the referee stopped the bout as Wills had suffered a badly cut eye.

Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell was at peak form when he outpointed Johnny Price of Wolverhampton over eight rounds.

Price, who was floored for eight during the second round, could not cope with Crowley's pace and the latter ran out a good winner.

UNDER SAVANNAH SKIES

By JULIAN (Little Bo Peep) SILVER

THERE were no boxing shows staged in Savannah this month as the only card that was scheduled here was cancelled when the Jacksonville Naval Air Station boxing team failed to appear to compete in their bouts with the Parris Island Marines.

The wrestling, however, offered everything in the way of assault and battery. In the first match, Cowboy Luttrall was pitted against Jack Dillon in a return grudge match. Each was permitted to fight or wrestle to a finish. The Cowboy, who once "slugged it out" with Jack Dempsey, said Dillon presented the appearance of a boxer only in that he wore gloves. After three rounds of spirited action, and both of them fighting until they were groggy, Luttrall picked up Dillon's water bucket for a noggin knocking episode and ended the bout with it.

In the second event, Lt. Tarzan White of Chatham Field gave Otto Schnable a good mussing up and Schnable gave Referee Tommy Todd the same thing.

Mike Chacoma, the erstwhile mysterious Mr. X, and Nick Carter staged a 30-minute bout and Carter won on disqualification. Babe Zaharias was given a draw with Roland Kirschmeyer. George Romanoff announced a tournament for the Southern heavyweight championship.

In the second match, big Babe Zaharias and Tarzan White went the limit before a large crowd. The globular Greek could not pin White's shoulders to the mat. Roland Kirschmeyer gained a decision in 17 minutes over Blackjack Dillon. Stanley Wycoff lost to Cowboy Luttrall in the other match on this card.

The third card saw tag wrestling return to Savannah. Al Massie and Cowboy Luttrall won over Babe Zaharias on a disqualification. Blackjack Dillon, Zaharias' partner, pinned Massie's shoulders down only after he had clipped Massie with a piece of lead that was taped on his fist.

Sailor Nick Carter, after receiving everything in the way of hair pulling, punching, kneeing, kicking, and all the other tricks of the trade, won from Deby Osborne, who lost on disqualification after tossing Referee Todd from the ring.

The last match of the month saw the firm of Soapy Dillon and Babe Zaharias go down to defeat before Roland Kirschmeyer and Al Massie. Pat Kelley, a newcomer to the local scene, pinned George Romanoff in 14 minutes of the preliminary.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

THE May 11th intercity amateur boxing card held at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, between Kansas City and St. Louis, was won by the local battlers by a score of 7 to 1. The show attracted 1,414 fans, who paid $1,875 to witness the hard-fought contests. St. Louis dropped the first contest of the evening when Fernando Rivera, the Kansas City flyweight, punched out a three-round decision over Bert Mayberry, who represented the Lead Belt A. C. Ed Reining, the St. Louis heavyweight, won on default from Reben Rios, the Kansas City heavy. Rios, who has a medical discharge from the Army and who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for fighting on Guadalcanal, suffered an attack of malaria fever and the doctors refused to allow him to go on and participate in the contests. Following are the results of the card:

Heavyweight—Ed Reining of Neighborhood House won on default from Reben Rios of Kansas City, Mo.

Light-heavyweight—Art Swyden, Downtown Y.M.C.A., won on a K.O. from Charles Angles of Kansas City in the third round.

Middleweight—Westbury Bascum of St. Paul Social Center decisioned James Williams of Kansas City.

Welterweights—Pvt. Joe Lewicki of Scott Field kayoed Orland Pannell of Kansas City in 39 seconds of the second round.

Lightweight—Mandrick Brown of Algoa Farms decisioned Gene Carroll of Kansas City. Dick Spitzfaden of South Broadway A. C. kayoed Tom Nelson of Kansas City in 46 seconds of the first round.

Featherweight—Charles Able of South Broadway A. C. got the nod in three over Eddie Martinez of Kansas City.

Bantamweight—Prather Brown of the Typo A. C. decisioned Jack Henrion of Kansas City.

Flyweight—Fernando Rivera of Kansas City decisioned Bert Mayberry of the Lead Belt A. C.

Johnny Conley, the man who was responsible for the ring success of Billy Beauhuld, the North Side St. Louis boxer, is to be the new matchmaker for a series of boxing bouts the Hatzfeld Post will stage at its new Olive Street open-air arena this summer.

Charles Gevecker, boxing chairman of the Ozark A.A.U. and former president of the organization, was presented with a lifelong A.A.U. membership at a testimonial dinner held at the De Soto Hotel in St. Louis.

For some reason or other Major Jones of Kansas City, Mo., can't get an O.K. to box in St. Louis. Jones boxes in other cities and manages to keep busy. What is the reason?

Harold Boyd, who won a novice championship in the 1941 Golden Gloves in St. Louis and immediately after winning his title entered into the service of his country, has recently been returned to civilian life and is making preparations to enter the pro field as a welterweight.

St. Louis is again getting ready to witness some big time boxing shows. Lou Wallach, the hustling and enterprising young promoter, will be at the helm at Kiel Auditorium. This auditorium is the choice spot of the Mid-West for main line fistic attractions as it is an air-conditioned building and will seat 12,500 patrons comfortably. Wallach has selected for his matchmaker the very capable Harry Eagles, who has been identified with boxing for the past 20 years around Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and California..

The Missouri Boxing Association, started by Lou Wallach, is going over in leaps and bounds. Comprised of a group of "Good ole St. Louisians" who are greatly interested in the success of boxing in St. Louis, the association has set up headquarters in part of the building formerly operated as the "Playdium," located on Enright Ave. near Grand Ave. The club has one article that any boxing club would be proud to include among its possessions and that is the ring that came out of the old Coliseum.

Commodore Ed Koenig, one of the most ardent fight fans in St. Louis, is largely responsible for the success of the newly founded Missouri Boxing Association.

Managers with fighters, and fighters who wish to secure bookings in the St. Louis shows, will do well to contact Matchmaker Harry Eagles at P.O. Box 1739, St. Louis, Mo. The newly-founded club's address is 3626 Enright Ave., St. Louis 8, Missouri.

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